



Crazy first half features eight turnovers

Wildcats eat up Redmen on Turkey Day

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

TEWKSBURY — The first half seemed more like a game of 'hot potato' as neither team could hang onto the football, but in the end, it was the Wilmington High School Wildcats who hung onto the victory.

Before 3,000 fans on a warm Thursday morning, the Wildcats led 21-6 before trailing 28-22 at halftime, and then dominated play in the second half to come away with the 34-22 win in the 76th annual Thanksgiving Football game played against the Tewksbury Redmen.

The teams combined for nine turnovers, including eight in the first half, thus it wasn't the prettiest of football games, but it certainly was entertaining. Wilmington finished with 278 total yards of offense including quarterback Sean Hanley completing 9-of-13 passes for 150 yards, and the trio of Kevin Moriarty (16-for-70), Evan Butters (14-for-43) and John Parsons (4-for-25) combined for 138 rushing yards and all five of Wilmington's touchdowns.

Tewksbury got behind the 8-ball very early trailing by 15 points before scoring two touchdowns in a span of 42 seconds to climb back into the game and take a one-point lead into the halftime break. But then in the second half it was all Wilmington, including holding Tewksbury to a huge three-and-out series to begin the third quarter and squash the Redmen's chances of carrying over that huge momentum swing.

"Absolutely (the three-and-out was huge)," said Wildcat head coach Mike Barry. "You talk about emotion, you talk about playing hard and it's how are you going to do it? Talking about doing it is one thing, doing it is another thing and these guys put those words into action and

they got a great win out of it.

"A lot of the credit goes to the seniors and I'm going to miss these guys, and I'm going to miss them a lot. The seniors mean the world to me. Football is a tough game, so you try not to baby them in practice and everything. So we get on them and we try to coach them hard and these kids just ate it all up. These kids stayed tough, even in the games like Lexington and Hamilton-Wenham when we weren't playing well, they never stopped playing. That's what you want as a coach - you want a team that wants to get in that fight and stay in that fight and plays and that carries over into practice."

After a sloppy beginning, Wilmington started a drive on its own 34 after captain Denis Gingras recovered a Tewksbury fumble. From there the Wildcats offense went to work putting together a 9-play, 66-yard scoring drive capped off as Hanley connected with Evan Butters on a beautiful over the shoulder catch on a pass down the middle of the field from 34 yards out giving the visitors a quick 7-0 lead.

Both teams followed by exchanging turnovers, and Tewksbury then had the ball at midfield after Joe Pondelli recovered a Wilmington fumble. It took just seven plays until junior quarterback Sean Connolly scored on a 2-yard QB keeper, and the conversion rush failed and the Redmen trailed 7-6 with 9:59 left in the second quarter.

Wilmington countered with a long 9-play drive that took up 4:10 and went 75 yards. The big play on the series came when Chris Frissore caught a 9-yard pass, but Tewksbury was flagged for a 15-yard unsportsmanlike penalty putting the ball into the Redmen territory at the 44 yard line. Four plays later Hanley hit tight end Brian Hurley with a big 36-yard



Tewksbury High junior quarterback Sean Connolly looks to be Chris Cazeau's lunch as the Wilmington lineman comes in to make a QB sack during last Thursday's 34-22 loss held at Doucette Field. (photo by Melissa Watkins).

completion and then Moriarty followed with a 1-yard run giving the Wildcats a 14-6 lead.

Parsons intercepted a pass two scrimmage plays later and was dragged down at the Redmen 15. The next play,

Moriarty took the ball to his right and scored his second of three touchdowns on the day giving Wilmington a commanding 21-6 lead with 4:39 to go.

After a nice kick-off return by Chris Bettano put the ball on the Redmen 45, Tewksbury was able to move the ball down into Wilmington territory having first-and-goal from the 5. After two run plays put the ball on the 1 yard line, Wilmington's Alex Leiskau came up with two straight tackles, first on Connolly and the second on Bettano, on two more running plays, to nullify Tewksbury's chance to score and give the ball back to Wilmington. That lasted just two plays, as Wilmington fumbled on the 1, and two plays after that Connolly scored, and his conversion pass to Ryan Vibber made it a 21-14 game with 1:01 left in the half.

Wilmington fumbled on the ensuing kick-off, and it took just three plays before Connolly found Tyler Brice open for a 3-yard touchdown, and the conversion pass to Joe Hulme gave Tewksbury a 22-21 lead at the break.

But the second half belonged to Wilmington. Moriarty scored the lone touchdown of the third quarter, before Butters added the lone score with 10:45 left in the fourth quarter to close out the scoring and give Wilmington the 34-22 victory.

"I give the kids a lot of credit because they became flustered at the end of the first half because we had the lead and we kind of just gave it away, and a lot of kids can't recover from that," said Wildcat head coach Mike Barry. "But we got great leadership from our seniors and the juniors and sophomores bought in and kept playing hard. The thing I take away from this season is our kids always play hard."

"This just goes with what we have said that you have to play hard and you have to

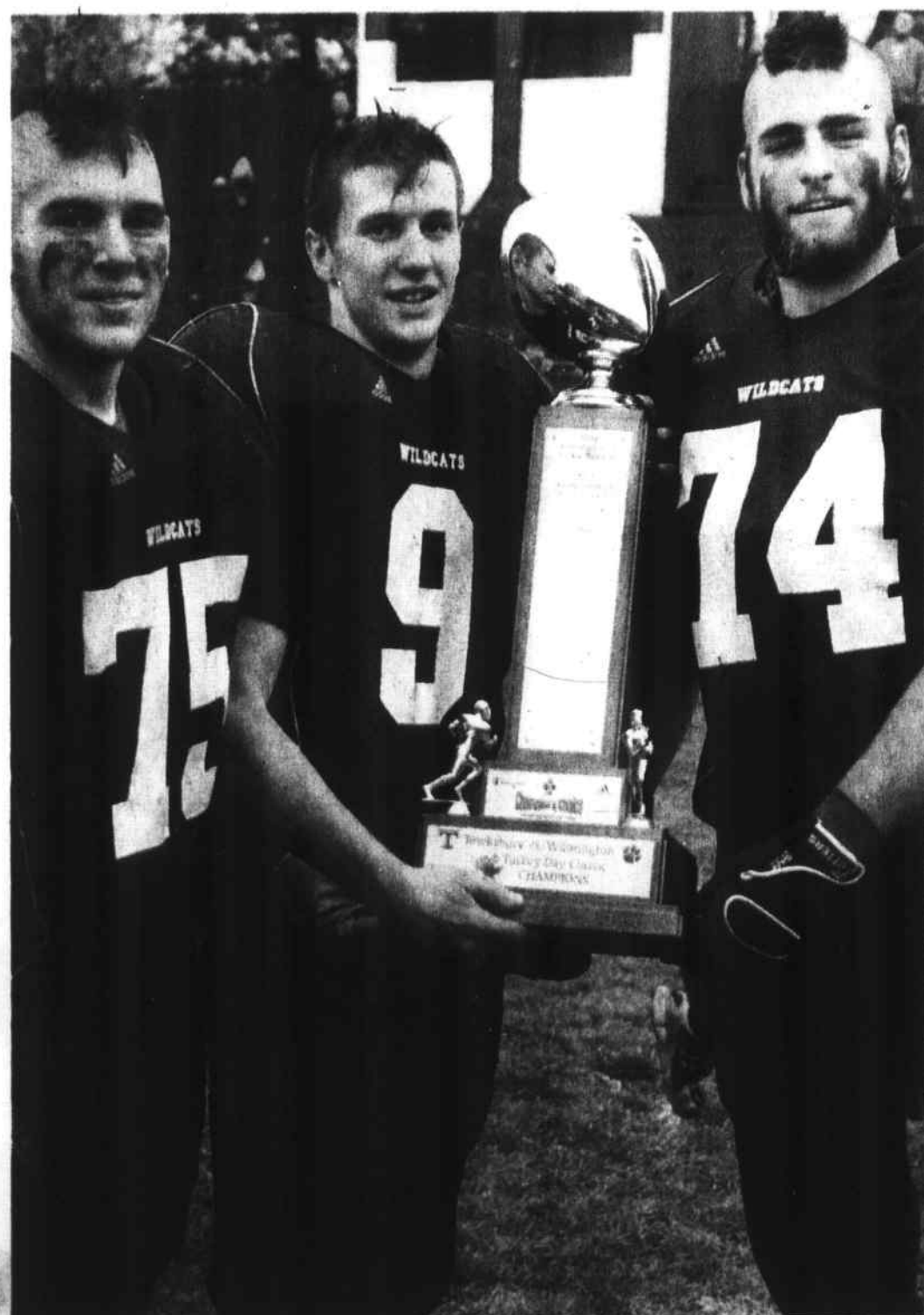
play for four quarters. We talked about it all season long, but this team has some great leaders. We may not have always played great football or our best football, but we always played hard and whenever we got flustered we regrouped and a lot of that credit goes to the seniors and the captains."

Connolly completed 13-of-27 passes for 172 yards, while Mike Fabiano and Hulme combined for four catches and 113 receiving yards.

"Plays where both teams had an equal chance at, they made more of them so I don't want to take any credit away from them," said Tewksbury head coach Brian Aylward. "We did enough to hurt our-

selves but we didn't do enough to help ourselves on top of that. I thought they wore us down a bit up front in the second half and we thought that could happen because they have some stronger and more experienced guys so that was a concern going in. They made some big plays, and just made more plays than we did."

Additional photos and write-up of the game, please turn to PAGES SP2, 3 and 4C.



Wilmington High captains, from left, Denis Gingras, Evan Butters and John Moriarty hold up the Champions Choice trophy after winning Thursday's Thanksgiving Game over Tewksbury. (photo by Melissa Watkins).

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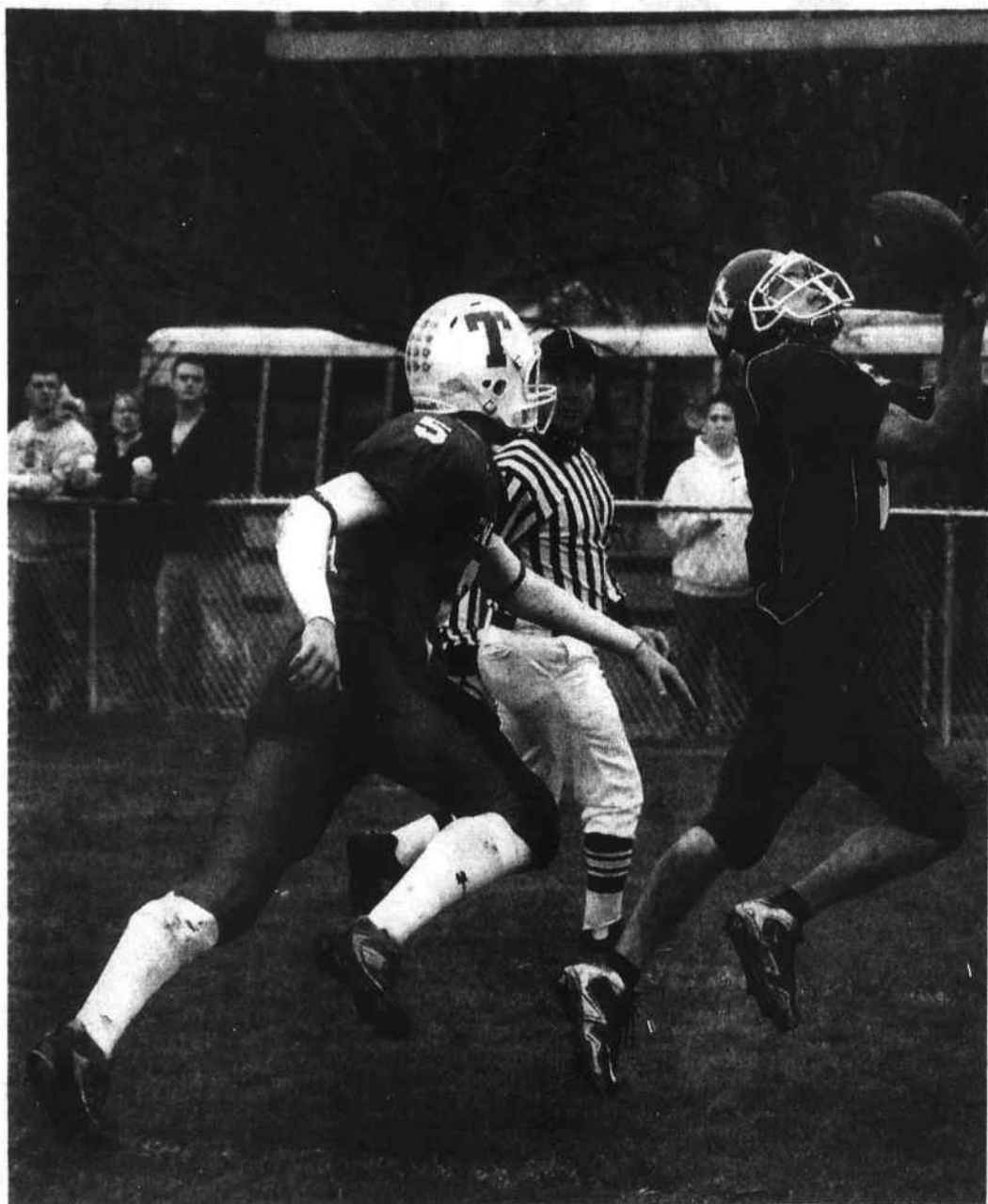
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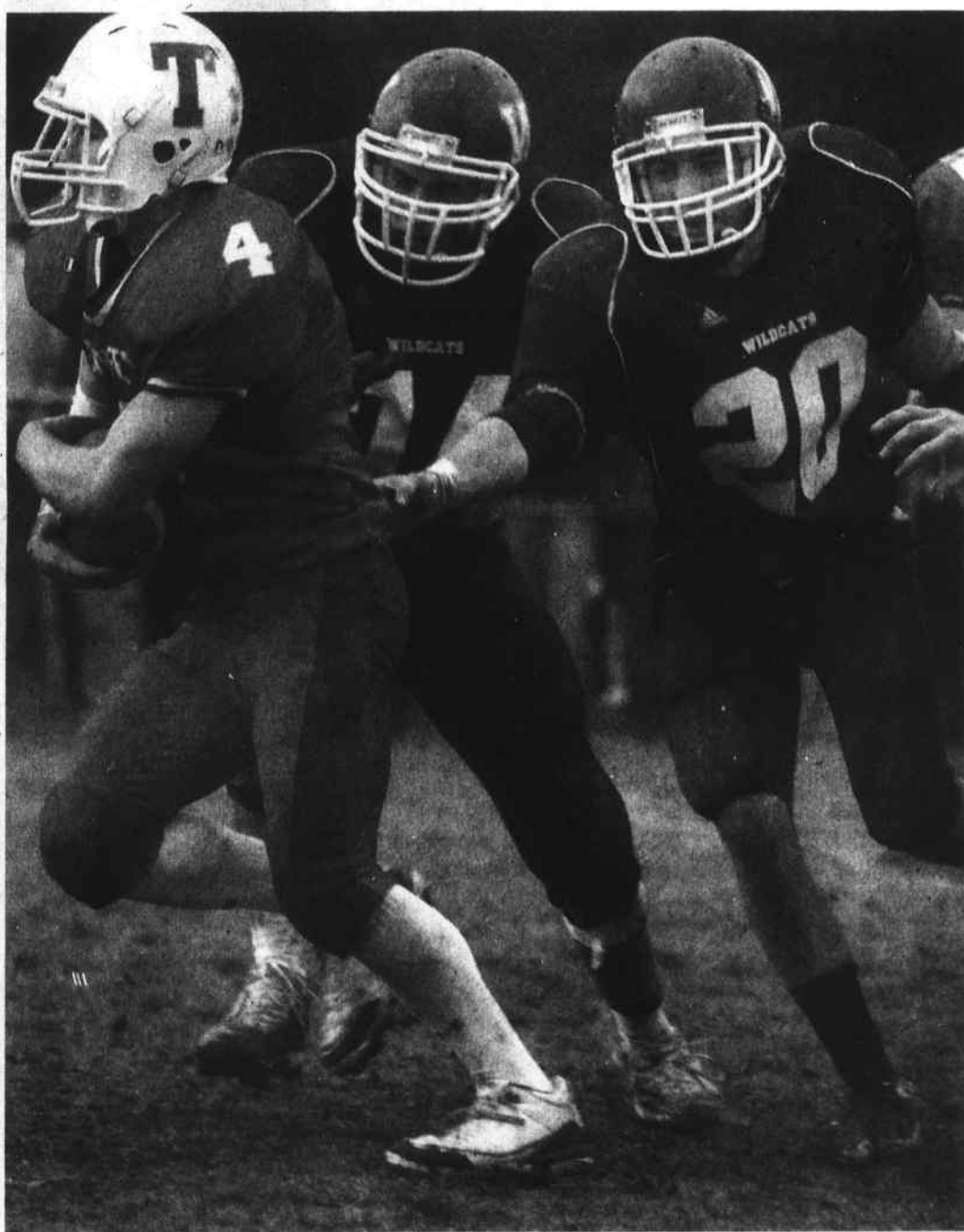
Wilmington High senior Evan Butters scored the game's opening touchdown by making this catch on a ball thrown by quarterback Sean Hanley. Tewksbury's Ryan Vibber tries to catch up to Butters.



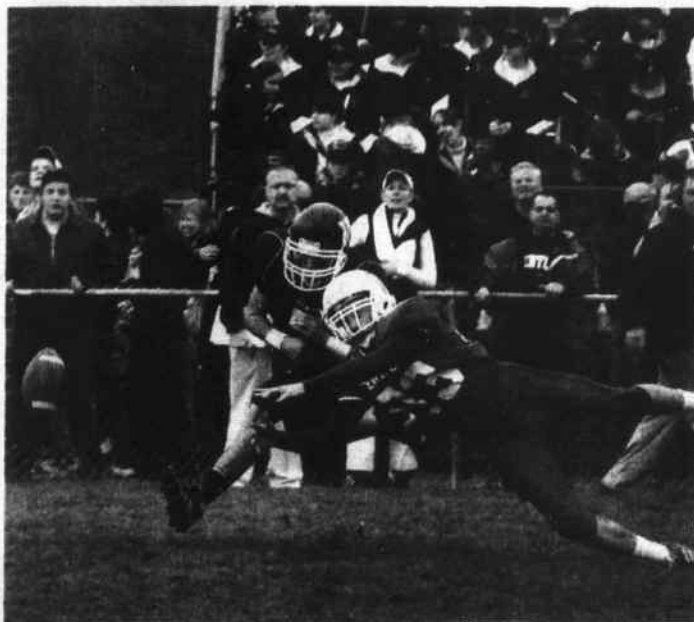
Tewksbury High sophomore Chris Bettano gets tackled after carrying the ball, as teammate Mike Altavesta gets sandwiched, with Wilmington players Kevin Moriarty and Denis Gingras look on.



Wilmington High junior tight end Brian Hurley makes a leaping catch during Thursday's win for the Wildcats. Hurley made two catches on the day for 45 yards.



Tewksbury's Chris Legerstrom carries the ball while Wilmington brother duo of Kevin (20) and John (74) Moriarty try to tackle him.



Tewksbury High's Sam Weitz dives to try to make an interception before getting hit during last Thursday's Football game played at Doucette Field.



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Many current and former TMHS students gathered together to cheer on the Redmen during Thursday's Football contest. Unfortunately for these fans, they saw the Redmen lose, 34-22, however, this group was among several thousand people who attended the game.

Looking back on this game made it alot easier with victory

Both men are smiling and look ready to strap on the old helmet and run out and help the young Redmen do some football battle this Thanksgiving morning, 2009. It's the 76th annual Tewksbury-Wilmington game, and Dick Greeno and Emmitt Millet are here for the coin toss that must have rekindled more than a handful of memorable Tewksbury High School victories. These guys remember when Tewksbury dominated this game, and unfortunately for some grizzled TMHS football veterans and many in the packed home crowd at Doucette Field, all they would have to take home this morning would be some memories minus a victory, as the visiting Wildcats turned three Redmen turnovers into touchdowns in a 34-22 WHS' win.

Those memories would have to be enough, and for Greeno and Millet, the smiles said it all—they were more than happy just to be remembered. Yes, young people, there is just something that gets to you when an athlete with memories of victory steps on the field or walks into the room. After the ceremonial coin toss, TMHS Athletic Director Brian Hickey shook some hands and led Greeno and Millet to the endzone just right of the Doucette Field scoreboard. They had been there many years ago.

"It (1957) was a good year. We won the Suburban League Championship," remembered Greeno, who played both ways and starred at nose tackle. Greeno, now 70 and looking fit, plugged many a gap and was instrumental in many of the wins that season. He remembers just one loss, but quite naturally, the victories come more to mind as he leaves the field and smiles broadly under that scoreboard. "We had a good team with some great guys. I remember that Thanksgiving morning it was cold and our knuckles were splitting open. There was a little snow on the field and it was icy."

Greeno can't remember the score of the game that morning, but he does remember waking up and thinking about one thing—victory. Today, he drives down from his Hudson, New Hampshire home, looks around Tewksbury and sees a much different town. Not only is this game about the two towns, but it's about the sights surrounding the game. How the roads and the turns connecting the two communities are slightly different. Now, there are strip malls and condominiums. All that wide open space has been filled, and Greeno's little town has been turned into a bustling suburb. The rivalry remains the same. It is still all about victory. Greeno hopes that Tewksbury wins this game, but the ride here today certainly struck a melancholy chord. "Things look different. There are sure a lot more people," he said, ever-smiling.

Things are different for sure, but the game remains the same. You win and you go home happy. You lose, and if this is your senior season, somehow that memory won't be all that bright 40 years from now. A loss does put a damper on things. The field conditions and that strip mall where your favorite wide-open space used to be is not



such a big deal anymore. There is another TMHS football graduate still standing under that scoreboard. The morning fog has cleared and Emmitt Millet can't help but smile as he waits for his nephew to take the field.

Millet was the starting center on the 1946 Suburban League All-Star Team, and his great-nephew Sean Connolly has hung tough in the face of an ankle sprain to play quarterback for the Redmen this morning. The 81-year old appears to be tough-as-nails and ready for a Redmen victory. He remembers when a loss in this game was unthinkable.

"We beat everybody in the Suburban League in 1946. There were only six or seven teams - Wilmington, Burlington, Dracut, Billerica and Chelmsford all played in the league back then. You had one team to play—there were no substitutes and everybody played both ways. Three eight minute quarters, and Charlie Hazel was the coach."

Enough said. When a Tewksbury High School legend is coaching and the losses are few and far between, somehow the memories of this morning become crystal clear. The fog is gone and Millet is still smiling and searching those high school football memory banks. The times and the dates are not always there, but he will never forget the results. Victory shines bright and clear today, at least in this pregame moment.

"It was a warm day, no rain or nothing," says Millet, pausing to adjust his cap and send another smile Greeno's way. "It was just a beautiful day and we won easy. I think the score was 20-7, but I remember feeling that morning we could score 50 points."

The final score that Thanksgiving morning in 1946 was 21-7. Millet was off by one point, and that would be a nice margin of victory for Tewksbury today. Unfortunately, for the two men whose names will be forever linked to TMHS' football success, they would sit through an ugly, turnover-filled game that didn't go the home team's way.

Millet keeps rattling off the names of former teammates, so fast that they are blurred and all but wiped out by the band and another greeting. "Hey how are you? Where you been?" Emmitt shakes hands and hopes that his great-nephew Connolly is taped up and ready to resume his role as the starting quarterback for Tewksbury. The junior QB completes 13 of 27 passes for 172 yards and is aided by two great catches by junior receiver Joe Hulme. A veteran observer has to believe that the foundation of some TMHS' football success is slowly being built this morning. Millet believes in this kid

Connolly. He believes in this team. He believes in Tewksbury High School football. Even after all these years. They will be back, he says. He will be there to record some history. "I've taken movies of Sean since he was a little tyke. From Little League right on up."

There will be a Thanksgiving tomorrow for players like Connolly, Hulme, Kevin Saunders, Chris Bettano, Anthony Arcari and David Gallotto. They will be the foundation that will establish a memory that hopefully for the Tewksbury faithful will include a win on Thanksgiving morning.

The young Wildcats can counter with talented players like junior quarterback Sean Hanley, who completed 9 of 13 passes for 150 yards and finished the season with 13 touchdown passes. Then there are sure-handed junior Wilmington receivers like Brian Hurley and Chris Frissore, both with big catches to keep drives alive. The running-back-in-waiting for the Wildcats looks like tough inside running junior Kevin Moriarty, and big junior guard Gordon Fitch fits in nicely to lead the Wildcat offensive line. And, where have we heard that name before? Some guy by that name burned Tewksbury big-

time in 1976 on Wilmington's way to the Super Bowl.

Former players like Greeno and Millet might be smiling under that scoreboard many years from now, remembering Tewksbury the way it was on this Thanksgiving morning, 2009. It is, after all these years, still about victory—and some new twists and turns as you make your way to that final result. There will always be that coin-toss, a handshake, a meeting with some old friends. Then there will be the smiles that help us to believe that even as we grow old, there is something special about high school football in Tewksbury and Wilmington.

Ritchie remembers a play he would like to forget

It was Thanksgiving 1969 when Wilmington High School and legendary running back Mike Esposito were poised to beat a Tewksbury team led by a pair of TMHS' juniors, linebacker Joe Hanley and tackle Charlie Roux. That Tewksbury team was built around its' hard-hitting defense designed to focus on and stop Esposito that morning on the old Center School Field. That defense and a play that would be forever remembered help lead to a 14-8 Tewksbury victory in

November of 1969. Former Wilmington High School coach John Ritchie is 87 and never misses a Wildcat football game. Thursday he stood behind a fence in the endzone and watched a WHS' victory with Tewksbury's Ernie Lightfoot, who has coached and played a little football in his time at TMHS. Ritchie remembers that the result could have gone Wilmington High School's way in 1969. The Wildcats were driving for the winning touchdown when Hanley intercepted a pass at the goal line to end the WHS' chances. Ritchie was coaching the offense with head man Fred Bellissimo, and a decision had to be made on that final drive.

"We took a timeout and ran a play that we called 'full-back-pass.' I noticed that the first time that we ran it, Dan Ballou (receiver) was clear. I told Billy Gustus (quarterback) that it would be like a pitcher looking at his catcher—Ballou is going to be wide open because they are going to double-team Esposito. So Billy rolls out and throws a pick with Ballou standing in the endzone with nobody around him."

What should have been a solid eight to 10 yard touchdown pass turned into a very famous interception for Tewksbury when linebacker

Hanley stepped in front of Esposito and intercepted Gustus. I finally got to the varsity one year later, and that was a play that earned Hanley and fellow co-captain Roux almost legendary status around town. At the time, they were 'The Men' and I was very much just a boy. Ritchie still cringes when he talks about the play.

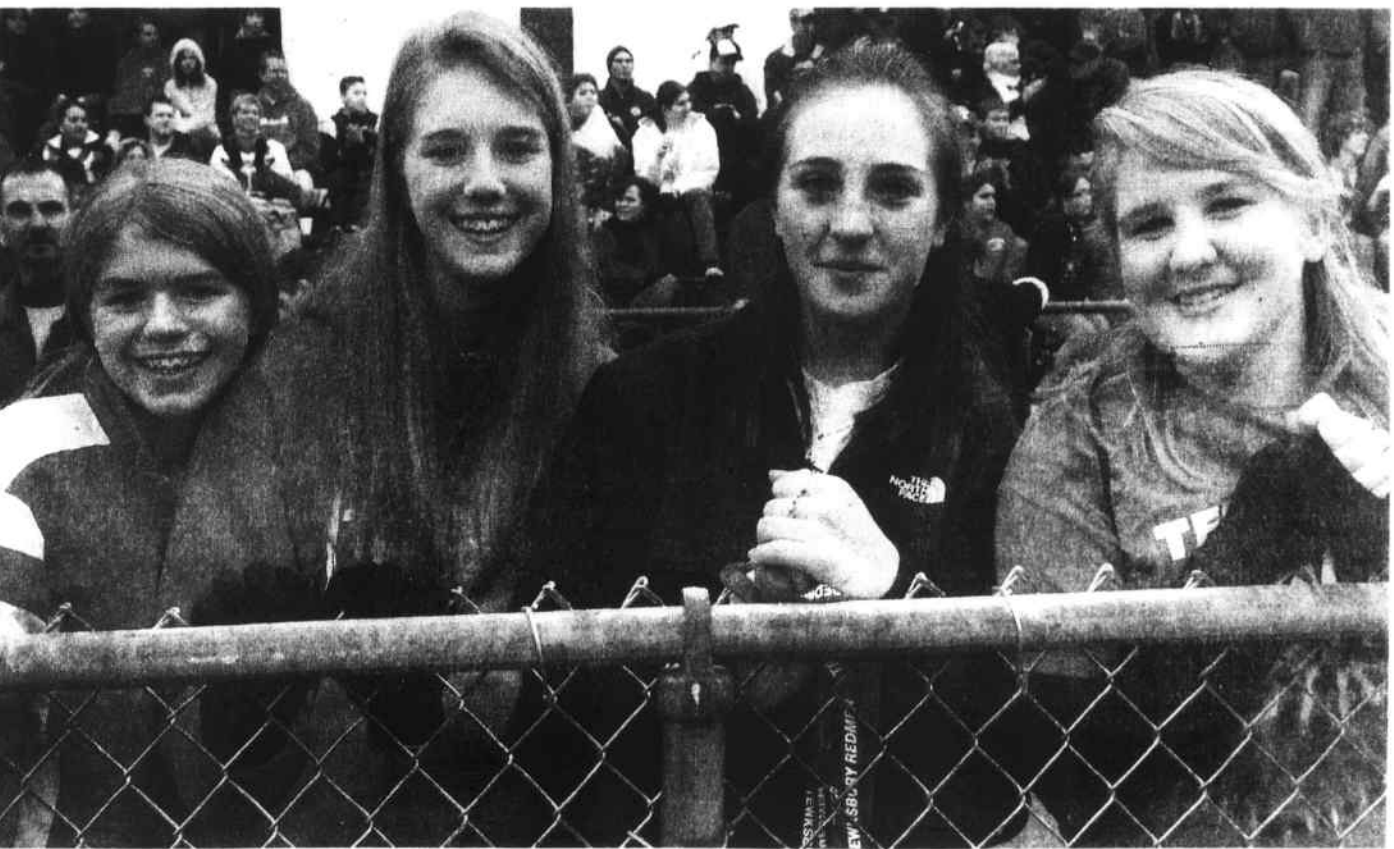
"Five years ago, I met Billy Gustus and he told me that after I had pulled him aside that morning and told him that Ballou would be wide-open, Fred told him—'just throw it to Michael (Esposito). It looked to me that the play would have been a sure touchdown to Ballou if Billy had thrown to him,'" said Ritchie.

Ritchie and the late Bellissimo formed a very successful coaching team, but more than one former Wilmington High School football player has said that it was Ritchie who was behind many of those great offenses over all those legendary years. This is the stuff of great Thanksgiving football memories. There is nothing quite like it in high school sports today.

(Comments regarding this column can be sent to rcooke1717@yahoo.com).



Above, Tewksbury High's Anthony Arcari gets wrapped up by a host of Wilmington players, and below, Tewksbury fans, from left, Kylie Sedgwick, 13, Hannah Sedgwick, 16, Lauren Melski, 16, and Sarah Reynolds, 16, enjoy the game from the sidelines. (photos by Melissa Watkins).



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The WHS Varsity Football team celebrates with the winning trophy after defeating Tewksbury, 34-22, last Thursday in the 76th annual Thanksgiving Game. (photo by Melissa Watkins).



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Moriarty Brothers will remember this one

By JAMIE POTE Sports Editor

The week before the game, Wilmington High senior captain John Moriarty commented that the Thanksgiving Game meant the world to him as it would be his last game playing along side his younger brother Kevin. Well after the game was over, the two of them couldn't stop smiling, as they congratulated each other with tremendous individual performances

leading the Wildcats to a 34-22 victory.

Junior running back Kevin scored three of the team's touchdowns and played very well defensively, while, older brother John dominated on the offensive line creating all kinds of holes for his brother and other backs to run through, while also putting forth a very impressive effort as a defensive lineman helping Wilmington blank Tewksbury throughout the second half.

"This win means everything to me," said John. "We went into halftime knowing we gave up too much, and when we came out of halftime we were ready to go and we forced them to a three-and-

out and we got our heads back into the game. Everyone from the backs, to the line to the receivers, we all played our hearts out and we all knew what this game means to all of us."

And what it meant watching younger brother score touchdown runs of 1, 15 and 9.

"That was impressive and just awesome to watch," said John of his brother. "Two of his touchdowns were on my side, so that was just great to be a part of."

Kevin said that before the game started, not much was said to each other - just a look.

"We didn't say much but we knew when we looked at each other that it would be the last

time we play with each other and we just knew we were going to win it."

That, says Kevin, is something he could never forget. "This means a lot to me," he said. "This is the last time I get to play with my brother so this win means everything to me. It's awesome - there is nothing else like it."

"The touchdowns mean a lot because our offensive line was incredible all season long and especially today. Just running behind my brother that one last time and scoring was great - just something I'll always remember."

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Room 9 at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA at 7:15 P.M. on Monday, December 14, 2009 by the Board of Selectmen on the application of Robert P. McCann, Jr. d/b/a Main Street Liquors, 335 Main Street, Unit #1, Wilmington, MA 01887 (formerly known as B&B Liquor Station, 433B Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887) for approval to transfer the license, change the location, change the name and change the status of ownership from a partnership to an individual. A floor plan is on file in the Town Manager's Office.

Michael J. Newhouse
Chairman
Board of Selectmen
05551733 12/2/09

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
The Trial Court
The Probate and Family Court
Department

Middlesex,
SS Division
Docket No.
MI09P5146EA

In the Estate of
Luigina P. Rappoli
a/k/a
Gina P. Rappoli
Late of
Tewksbury, MA 01876
Date of Death
03/19/2009

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that James D. Rappoli of Wilmington, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve Without Surety. If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on December 23, 2009. In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, Esquire First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, November 25, 2009.
Tara E. DeCristofaro
Register of Probate
05551747 12/2/09

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
DEPARTMENT

MIDDLESEX,
SS DIVISION
DOCKET NO.
MI09P4924GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO M.G.L. c 190B, ss5-304

In the matter of:
Joan Evans
Of: Tewksbury, MA

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Tewksbury Hospital of Tewksbury, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Joan Evans is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Sharrif Jones of Lynn, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have a right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 12/18/2009. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, Esquire, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 20, 2009
Tara E. DeCristofaro
Register of Probate
05551730 12/2/09

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by William I. Stark AKA William I. Stark, Jr., Alden K. Stark and Jennifer L. Stark to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated August 9, 2005 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 19123, Page 165, of which mortgage US Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston 2005-10 is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 p.m. on December 14, 2009, on the mortgaged premises located at 46 Andover Street, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land, shown as Lot 1 and as containing 44,000 square feet more or less, on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Wilmington, Mass., owned by Gertrude Krey," Scale 40 feet to an inch, dated Nov. 2, 1989, by Robert E. Anderson Inc., Reg. Professional Engineer, 178 Park Street, P.O. Box 177, North Reading, Mass., bound and described according to said plan as follows:

Commencing at a point on the northerly-westerly side of Andover Street, said point being approximately N51° 18' 58"E ninety-seven and 03/100 (97.03) feet from the intersection of the northerly-westerly line of Andover Street and the northeasterly line of Route 93; and running from the starting point N31° 24' 25"W four hundred and eighty-five and 00/100 (485.00) feet, more or less, to the centerline of the Brook; thence turning and running generally northeasterly along the centerline of the Brook for a distance of approximately two hundred and 00/100 (200.00) feet; thence turning and running S31° 24' 25"E one hundred and thirty-five (135.00) feet, more or less; thence turning and running S58° 35' 35"W thirty-three and 34/100 (33.34) feet; thence turning and running S13° 35' 35"W twenty-seven and 47/100 (27.47) feet; thence turning and running S31° 24' 25"E twenty-five and 58/100 (25.58) feet; thence turning and running S58° 35' 35"W one hundred and 24/100 (100.24) feet; then turning and running S31° 24' 25"E three hundred and twenty-eight and 00/100 (328.99) feet; thence turning and running S44° 51' 45"E forty-one and 28/100 (41.28) feet to the start-

ing point.

The above-reference premises are subject to access and egress easement as referred to in a Deed to the mortgagors recorded at the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 18839, Page 62. The premises are also conveyed with the benefit of a septic easement for the benefit of the mortgaged premises as referred to in the above-referenced Deed. For mortgagors' title, see Deed of William I. Stark and Ruth Krey Stark dated June 11, 2003 and recorded at the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 18839, Page 62. See also certified copy of the death certificate of Ruth Krey Stark recorded herewith. See also Estate Tax Affidavit relative to the death of Ruth Krey Stark recorded herewith. See also deed recorded herewith.

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 19123, Page 163.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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11/18, 11/25, 12/2/09

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Case No.
09 MISC 407479

To: Mark A. Fantasia and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee for, Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-R8, Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated August 1, 2004 claiming to be the holder of Mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, numbered 73 Forest Street given by Mark A. Fantasia to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, dated June 25, 2004, registered at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in the Land Court as Document Number 225775 and noted on Certificate of Title Number 35241 and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale. If you are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 28th day of December 2009 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act. Witness, Karyn F. Scheier Chief Justice of said Court this 13th day of November 2009

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
(OOM 09-053346/Fantasia)(12/02/09)(179066)
05551711

Rams end tough season with a gritty victory

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The 2009 season was a difficult one for the Shawsheen Tech Football team, as the Rams struggled through their first losing season in eight years, but on Thanksgiving morning last Thursday in Tyngsboro the Rams closed out their season in style with an impressive 34-14 win over Greater Lowell in the 17th Annual holiday meeting between the schools.

The win improved the Rams to 3-8 on the season (1-4 in CAC Large) while Greater Lowell finished up at 1-9 (0-4). It was the ninth consecutive win in the series for the Rams who now hold a 13-4 edge in the Turkey Day rivalry, and most importantly it was a victory that allowed a Rams team that had suffered some bitter defeats this season to end on a positive note with a look ahead to what could be a bright future.

While the future may indeed be looking up for the Rams who got solid performances from several underclassmen on the day, Shawsheen coach Al Costabile was most pleased for his seniors who closed out their careers on a winning note.

"It is always great when a senior wins his last game as a high school football player," Costabile said. "It is great to be able to come off a winner the last time you wear your high school uniform."

"And for all of the kids you get more out of the last game than you do from the others because it is allowed to settle in whereas earlier in the season you have to get right back to work for the next game."

The Rams took control of this game early scoring late in the first quarter to take the lead and never looked back, as they took a 27-8 halftime lead and coasted the rest of the way, led by the offense of

senior running back Cory Foss (20 carries, 117 yards, 1 TD) and sophomore quarterback Tyler MacInnis of Wilmington (4-for-8, 77 yards, 1 TD), and the defense of junior defensive end Derek Bent, sophomore linebacker Nicholas Federico and sophomore defensive back Andrew Dascoli.

Shawsheen jumped on top with 1:42 left in the first quarter when sophomore Steven Reynolds of Wilmington scored on a 3-yard run and senior Nick Danas of Wilmington added the extra point. A key play on the drive was a 17 yard run by Reynolds that gave the Rams a first and goal at the Gryphon 10 yard line.

All season long, senior Andrew Companschi of Wilmington has made a habit of knocking down or deflecting passes and he did so once again just 63 seconds after Reynolds touchdown deflecting a pass that sophomore Nicholas Federico intercepted and ran back 35 yards for a touchdown and a 13-0 lead.

"We got off to a great start," Costabile said. "I was proud of the way the kids played on both sides of the ball and on special teams."

In their previous game against Manchester-Essex, MacInnis had shown the ability to lead the Rams on long sustained drives and in his first Thanksgiving Day game, he once again showed poise beyond his experience in leading the Rams on a 15 play drive that chewed up 7:28 of game clock and was capped when junior Derek Bent scored on a 5-yard run with 3:32 left in the first half to make the score 20-0.

The key play of the drive came on fourth-and-21 from the Gryphon 29-yard line when MacInnis sent a long pass to senior Derek Steen of Wilmington and Steen drew a



The Shawsheen Tech Cheerleading team took second place at the state competition, and the team's seniors include from left, Nick Laquidara, Lauren Impemba, Brittany Sullivan, Courtney Keefe, Jenn Bowse and Brittany McLeod. (courtesy photo).

pass-interference penalty.

MacInnis had let the pass go in the face of a heavy rush by the Gryphons and Costabile was impressed by his young signal caller's efforts on the big stage of his first Turkey Day game.

"Tyler was very steady," Costabile said. "He made some big completions and took some big hits and bounced right up. He did a great job managing the offense."

Greater Lowell showed some signs of life when Senior Bill Fuller returned the ensuing kickoff 87 yards

for a touchdown to put the Gryphons on the scoreboard, but the Rams answered with another touchdown, driving 58 yards on five plays, capping the drive with a 6-yard touchdown pass from MacInnis to Steen while Danas added his third extra point of the night to make 27-8 at halftime.

The key play in the drive was a 39 yard hookup from MacInnis to Bent.

"Derek did a nice job on both sides of the ball and special teams as well," Costabile said of Bent. "He caught a couple of huge passes and

had a great all around game."

For a Shawsheen team that had faced their fair share of halftime deficits this season and seemed to be locked in close contests in virtually every game, having such a large halftime lead was a welcome change.

"It was a good feeling for the kids to be up like that at the half," Costabile said. "The kids played hard and then in the second half they continued to play hard and put the game away."

That they most certainly did, when an interception by sophomore Andrew Dascoli

thwarted a Greater Lowell drive and allowed the Rams to add to their lead when on a fourth and inches play Foss, who was named the game's MVP for the Rams, busted up the middle for a for a 48-yard scoring run.

The Gryphons added a touchdown with 8:17 to go as Balamotis scored on a 1-yard run, but when to pull within 34-14, but that was as close as they would get and the Rams had another William Collins Cup in their possession for another year.

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Wilmington High Boys Sub-Varsity Sports Round-Up

By MIKE GIANNATTASIO
Sports Correspondent

The WHS JV Football team finished with a record of 3-6. Carl, who has been coaching at Wilmington High School for 15 years, said the team learned many things throughout the season.

"The most notable improvement that team made was picking up a new defensive system and learning how they fit into the whole defense," said Stauffer. "What I recall best about the season was how they matured and pulled together especially at the end of the season even though illness and injuries caused them to adapt to unforeseen circumstances."

The coach added that the team never gave up and played hard for every minute they were out on the field.

"I was most impressed with the team's determination to do their best especially in games we were behind," said Stauffer.

The sophomores and juniors on the team include Mike Amentolla (tackle), Frank Cerbone (end), Kyle Albanese (end), John Keegan (tackle), Ed Delucia (back), Matt Ferreria (back), John Langenfeld (receiver), Trevor Foley (linebacker), Mike Smith (linebacker), Killian Smith (linebacker), Alex Danas (guard), Nick Collela (guard), and Brendan O'Brien (receiver).

Freshmen Football

The WHS freshman football team finished with a record of 3-4-1 under first year head coach Michael Maloney. The team had 29 players on the team this year and all of them were important to the team's overall success.

The club played consistently well on the defensive side of the ball all year. Ends Brendan Ahearn and Brian Priem played well for the Wildcats all year. Linebackers Cam Owens, Sam Borsetti, Pat Barry and Blake Walker were all solid and made a lot of plays for the club. Dave Caira and Christian Houde slowed down the opponents running game all year from the interior defensive line.

Tim Penney, Tim Woods, and Justin MacKinnon were the starting secondary and all had multiple interceptions. On the offensive side of the ball Tim Penney provided great leadership and showed real toughness at the quarterback position.

Cam Owens was unquestionably the MVP on the offensive side of the ball playing both Tailback and Fullback, as he led the team in scoring. Sam Borsetti, Justin MacKinnon, Penney, Walker, Sam Silva, and John Walsh all also got in the end zone for the Wildcats this season.

The Offensive Line was solid all year and was led by Caira, Shawn Surrence, Dan Pendenza, Kevin Dunfey, and Ahearn. Brian Priem played both tight end and fullback and did a great job all year.

Ryan Cocco was also an important player for the team starting the season as a center/nose tackle, as he helped the team out and learned the outside linebacker and tight end positions. He also ended up being a key starter for the squad making plays on both sides of the ball.

Maloney said one of his favorite moments of the year came when player Justin MacKinnon had a game ending interception versus Pentucket that sealed the comeback win in that game.

"Justin went up and took the ball away from a kid about a foot taller than him," said Maloney. "Ty Vibert also blocked a punt for a touchdown versus Shawsheen Tech in our first game. It started us off with a win and started the season on a great note."

Another great moment in the season was the last game of the year versus Tewksbury that was held under the lights.

"We were disappointed it ended in a tie, but we were really proud of the kids for not letting a couple of things that went against us change the control we had on the game," said Maloney. "I felt we really played well all

game and it was a testament to the kids we have on our team for fighting the whole game."

Maloney was pleased with the way the freshman played this season as they proved they will be contributing varsity players in the future.

"I think as the year went on the kids got a sense of what it means to be a football player at WHS," said Maloney. "They played smart and showed the toughness that is expected of players here."

Players on the WHS freshman football team include Brendan Ahearn (G/DE/LS), RJ Anglemyer (WR/CB), Alex Ball (OT/NT), Pat Barry (WR/OLB/P), Brendan Benoit (G/LB), Sam Borsetti (WR/ILB), David Caira (C/NT), James Carlin (G/DT), Ryan Cocco (TE/OLB), Stan Dancewicz (OT/NT), Kevin Dunfey (G/ILB), Jake Gingras (C/ILB), John Ho (FB/ILB), Christian Houde (TE/DT), and Jim Kendall (RB/FS).

Also on the club are players Dylan Langone (OT/DT), Justin MacKinnon (RB/CB), Eric Masjello (G/OLB), Ryan McCarthy (WR/CB), Cam Owens (RB/ILB), Tim Penney (QB/FS), Dan Pendenza (OT/DE), Brian Priem (TE/FB/DE), Mike Silva (G/DT), Sam Silva (RB/CB), Shawn Surette (OT/DE), Tyler Vibert (WR/OLB), Blake Walker (FB/OLB), John Walsh (WR/CB), and Tim Woods (WR/QB/CB).

JV Boys Soccer

The WHS JV Boys Soccer team had a very successful season under first-year head coach Dennis Ingram. The club finished with a record of 12-2-2 with lots of talented players on the club. Ingram said the squad gave terrific efforts in every game throughout the season.

"The best improvement we made as a team was playing the whole game," said Ingram. "During the beginning of the season we struggled to play a complete game. We spoke a lot during the season about playing as hard as you possible can while you're on the field."

"Seasons fly by, years fly by, and before you know it your high school career is over. You might as well give everything you have into everything you do."

The club had many players that contributed to the team and proved that they will be solid varsity players someday. The Wildcats got strong offensive play from Phil Lentini, Dan Vigeu, Zack Anderson, and Colin Magurie.

Defensively they always got a great performance out of Tom Browman, Patrick McGondel, Matt Palermo, Jeff Goosens, Anthony Deisomone, and Jamie Mara. We had four players get called up for the varsity state tournament.

The squad had four players get called up for the varsity state tournament. They were sophomore mid fielder Zack Anderson, sophomore striker Phil Lentini, as well as junior defenders Jeff Goosens and Anthony Deisomone.

Ingram said the best game of the season happened to be the last when they started the game having a difficult time getting anything to work.

"It seemed like we were very defensive for the majority of the game," said Ingram. "Jamie Mara snuck a goal in a little unexpected with about ten minutes left to tie the game at one. "We made a couple of changes with our formation and with about one minute left and Jeff Goosens scored the game winning goal."

Ingram added that he enjoyed coaching the team this year as they learned things in every practice and game.

"I just really enjoy coaching kids, trying to get the most out of them," said Ingram. "Everyday is great just going to practice with a good group of kids who just want to get better. There are so many lessons that we learn in sports that can translate into our real lives."

The juniors on the team are Kevin Mitchell (striker),

Drew Cummings (striker), Jeff Goosens (midfield), and Anthony Deisomone (stopper). The sophomore strikers on the team are Dan Vigeu, Phil Lentini, and Kevin Burke. The sophomore mid-fielders on the team are Zack Anderson, Tom Browman, Zack Curley, Colin Magurie, Bryan Fiendal and Anthony Brown.

Derek Mayo and James Donovan are sophomores and play keeper on the team. Dan Collins is a sophomore and plays the stopper on the squad. Jamie Mara is also a sophomore and plays sweeper/midfielder. The sophomore wing defenders on the team include Steve Petinge, Colin Machearon, Matt Palermo, and Patrick McGondel.

Freshmen Boys Soccer

The WHS freshman boy's soccer team improved tremendously from the beginning of the season. The Wildcats finished the year with a record of 2-7-4 and performed well as a unit.

First-year coach Anthony Azevedo helped the players on the team progress throughout the season. Azevedo played for the WHS soccer program four years ago and then went on to play four years at Westfield State. Azevedo recently just graduated from Westfield State and applied for the job as the freshmen coach.

"I enjoyed helping each player get better and trying to get them ready for the next

level that they will be playing at," said Azevedo. "I really liked the passion that the team had. We hit a rough patch where wins were not coming easily but they all kept their heads up and left everything out of the field every time they took the field."

"I also enjoyed going to each practice and game and knowing that the kids wanted to learn. They would have fun, but when the time came to get serious and get something done they did it."

Azevedo added that the team improved on defense from the first game of the year to the last.

"At the start of the year we were very disorganized and kind of just running around out there," said Azevedo. "By the end of the year we were

defending as a unit covering for people when they would go up into the attack."

"We also improved our position of the ball. We tried to play the ball to feet instead of just playing kick and run."

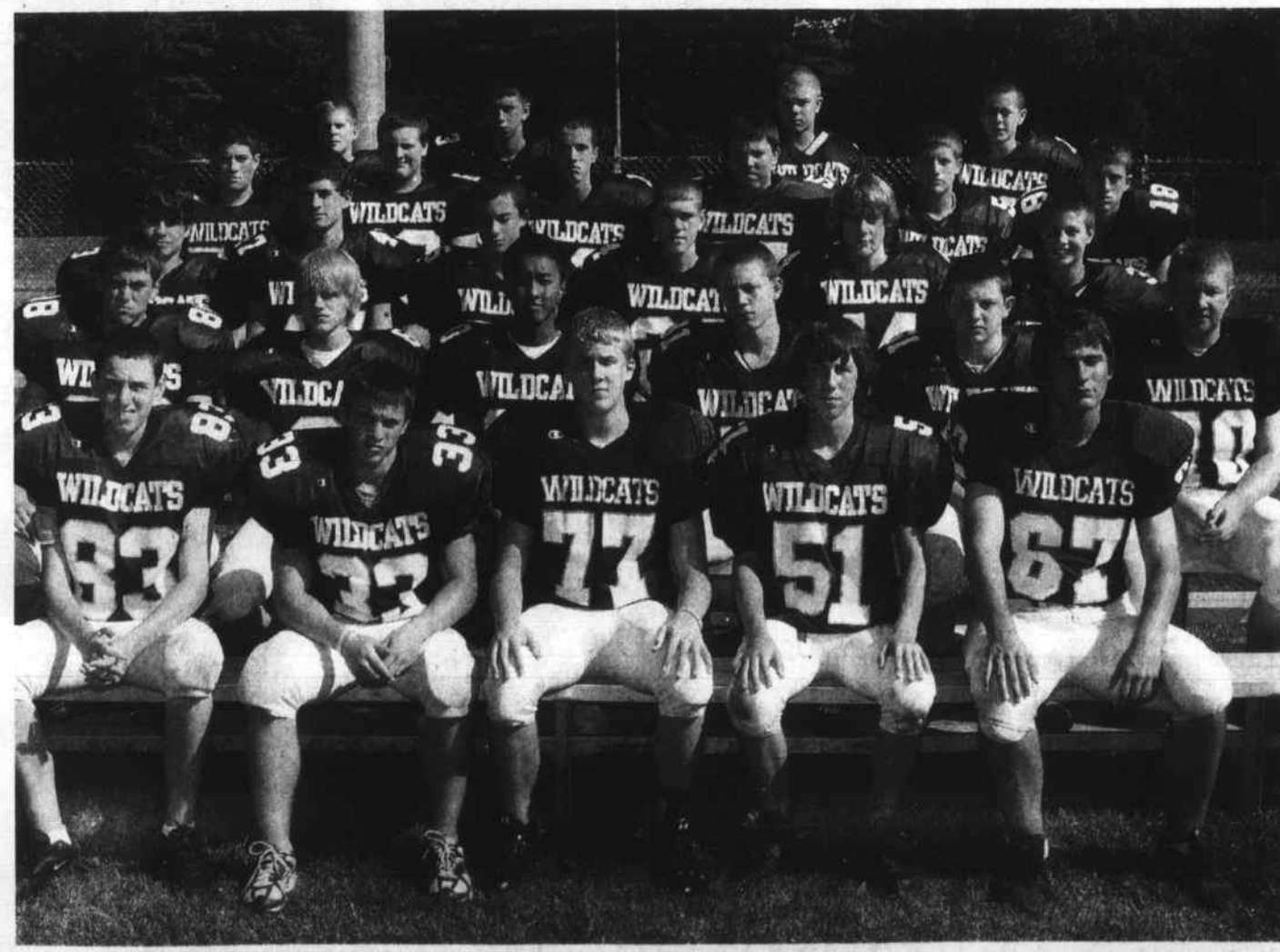
The roster for the WHS freshman boy's soccer team includes Chris Palmerino (midfield), Peter Warren (midfield), Arthur Papastathis (defense), Mitchell DeAmbrose (defense), Erik Alatalo (midfield), Adam Maienza (defense), Dan Sullivan (midfield), Luciano Dimambro (forward), Jacob Rogers (forward), Alex Condell (defense), Colin Doherty (midfield), Brian Nazzaro (midfield), Eric Jaescke (defense), and Matt Pickett (midfield).



The Wilmington High School Freshmen Boys Soccer team completed a successful season. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



The Wilmington High School JV Boys Soccer team had a fun season under the direction of coach Dennis Ingram. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



The Wilmington High Freshmen Football team finished its season recently behind the direction of coach Mike Maloney. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

WHS Sub-Varsity Girls Sports Round-Up

By MIKE GIANNATTASIO
Sports Correspondent

First-year head Wilmington High School junior-varsity field hockey coach Diane DeMaggio had a blast coaching the squad this season.

"The best part of being a coach was getting to know the girls, not just as players, but as individuals with unique personalities," said DeMaggio, who coached the club to a 10-4-3 record. "We had hard, serious practices, but had fun at the same time. The girls always remembered my humorous catch phrases like, 'speedy gonzalez' and 'quick like bunnies'. Every time they would laugh, and it was so rewarding to see them having fun and learning at the same time."

DeMaggio had been involved with the middle school feeder program for 13 years before she got involved with the WHS field hockey program. She coached the freshman team last year and she applied for the JV job when it became available. She also played field hockey at WHS and so did her two daughters.

The coach said that the team improved throughout every game this season.

"The biggest improvements were made to our defensive and offensive game," said DeMaggio. "The defense learned the two most important skills, to overlap and support each other."

"The offense improved their short game, using quick give and go passes up the field until they reached the net. We practiced these skills at every practice and it showed by the end of the season, consistency was the key."

DeMaggio added that the each every day during the season was memorable.

"I loved being around the girls seeing how well they got along and how much they enjoy the sport," said DeMaggio. "Two games specifically stood out in my mind. The first was the game we played against the powerhouse North Andover team. We held this undefeated team to only two goals and the girls played with extreme intensity. The other game was against Lynnfield where they put their hearts and souls into this game which led them to victory."

The Wildcats had 36 goals for and 13 against to wrap up the season, as every player on the club made contributions this season.

Emily Colosimo, a forward and the only freshman on the JV team, was the leading scorer with eight goals and 11 assists. DeMaggio said she had natural ability that you cannot teach.

Gill Hery, who played midfield, had six goals and five assists for the season. Most of her goals were scored off corners with her rocket of a drive. She always looked up and knew where the ball was best to be placed.

Taylor Bell, who also played midfield, improved substantially and always gave 100% at practices and games.

"Taylor was my most flexible player," said DeMaggio. "I could play her at forward, midfield or defense and know that she would do the best I could ask of her in that position."

Bea Banda, Cailen Cadogan, Bridget Blaisdell, and Cassie Lee, the forwards on the squad, played very well together and in front of the net they would push, push, push.

Katie Kurowski, midfield, was always dependable to stop the ball, overlap, and get the ball up to the wings. She was a strong and consistent player for the Wildcats.

Courtney Cavanaugh, Liz Olson, Emily O'Donoghue, defense players, worked extremely hard each and every practice to master their game by overlapping and supporting each other. The trio also did a great job of making sure the ball was kept out of the net.

Lisa Marie Diorio, the goalie for the Wildcats, made about 75 saves this season for her team and overall improved significantly with her hard work and dedica-

tion. Game after game Diorio made those big saves for the squad.

"The entire JV team played with passion, and spirit throughout the season," said DeMaggio. "The offense connected each and every game by moving the ball up the field."

The midfielders did a great job sending the ball up to the forwards, and the defense stayed strong by clearing the ball out of the circle."

Freshmen Field Hockey

The members of the WHS freshman field hockey team improved from the first game to their last. Although the team finished the season winless with a record of 0-10-4, it did not reflect the effort given by the team.

Coaching the team this season was Maureen O'Mara who has been part of the Wilmington field hockey program since 2005, first serving as a volunteer working with both the varsity and JV teams. She played in high school and loved the sport and decided to see what she could do to help support the program.

O'Mara said each player on the squad progressed throughout the course of the season.

"At the start of the season many members of the team had little or no field hockey experience and they really worked hard to develop their individual skills," said O'Mara. "I saw a lot of growth in each player by the end of the season, whether it be their speed on the field, solid stick work, bringing the ball up the field, or really understanding their position."

"I saw their confidence grow in their own abilities and they became better at consistently executing their skills in a game. Over the course of the season the girls improved their communication with each other and became a unified team."

Each girl on the team made contributions throughout the season. The leading goal scorers were Janelle Celeste and Melissa O'Donoghue; Megan Howland, Laura Magee and Julia Carter all had assists. At the start of the season there wasn't a player who had come in with a strong interest to play goalie for the Wildcats. That changed shortly after though as Julie Jewkes and Alyssa Smalley stepped up and both played very well in net throughout the season.

O'Mara said there were many great moments throughout the season.

"The girls kept me laughing and were a lot of fun to be around," said O'Mara. "My favorite moments were when during a game it all seemed to click for the girls as a team and I could see their drive and the momentum of the game increase."

"I also loved when I had refs come up to me after the game and comment on how much improvement they had seen in such a short period of time."

O'Mara said there were two games this season that were phenomenal and that she will remember coaching for a long time. The first was the game at Chelmsford (10/8) where they played the most consistent game they had to date.

"They were focused, driven, and with a few players whose time had to be limited due to injury everyone stepped up. They also had to play different positions throughout the game and kept the ball moving," said O'Mara. "The girls tied and I was really proud of how hard they worked and how well they worked together."

The last game of the season was a great game as well.

"We played North Andover at home and the girls were fired up to play," said O'Mara. "They pushed the entire game and kept up and actually outplayed a strong North Andover team through most of the game. We were tied heading into the final minutes of play and with time running out the winning goal

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The Wilmington High School Freshmen Field Hockey team recently completed its season. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



The Wilmington High School Freshmen Girls Soccer team enjoyed its season under the direction of Nicole Ciaramaglia. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



The WHS JV Field Hockey team completed its season under the direction of Diane DeMaggio. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



The WHS JV Girls Soccer team ended its season a few weeks back under the direction of coach Mary Jo English. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

WHS Alumni Field Hockey game a complete success

By BECCA QUIGLEY
Sports Correspondent

On Saturday morning, the Wilmington High School Field Hockey program held its first alumni game under the direction Jodi MacKenzie. With a large turnout, lively crowd, and a great deal of enthusiasm from the players, the game proved to be a successful fundraiser benefiting both WHS Field Hockey and the Food Pantry.

MacKenzie, the second-time coach for the Varsity team as well as a WHS alumni herself (graduating in 1998), said the idea of hosting an alumni game merely came up one day at practice.

"This was really just talk at the beginning of the season, and I decided to follow through once I got a positive response from some alumni that I still hang out with," said MacKenzie.

She started off with only about 25 email addresses as a way of contacting players; but eventually ended up with over 100 contacts, which meant there were numerous alumni interested in participating. In addition to the 50 or so alumni that signed up, the current WHS Varsity showed up ready to play.

"When we got the final roster for the game, we were surprised," said Nicole Luz, the senior goalie for the WHS Varsity team. "The amount of people making up the alumni teams completely outnumbered us!"

MacKenzie organized the alumni into two teams, placing the older half of players on the "Cougars" team and the more recent graduates on the "Cats" team. There were three half-hour games in total beginning at 11:00 a.m.: Cougars vs. Kittens (WHS Varsity), Cats vs. Kittens, and then Cougars vs. Cats.

"I was going to originally separate the teams by years of graduation, odd years vs. even years," said MacKenzie. "But then I decided to put all of us old folks together, which allowed for the age groups to catch up with old friends on the side lines."

Though there were some strong winds, the weather proved to be fairly nice on the morning of the game, which was something MacKenzie had worried about previously. Aside from a great turnout for the players, several field hockey parents also volunteered by baking and organizing snacks and hot chocolate for everyone.

"I wasn't sure if everyone would show up due to weather situations from the day before. But we even had fans; the crowd was fantastic!" said MacKenzie.

MacKenzie was also able to get volunteer help with officiating the game from one alumni player, Nonie Hodges. Hodges, a graduate of 1961, played field hockey in high school as well as four years on the team at Gordon College. She is currently a referee for the Cape Ann League and Northeast Conference.

"When I first found out about this alumni game, I

thought it was absolutely terrific," said Hodges. "A lot of people [in the game] didn't have a chance to play again after high school: they may not have played in college, and there aren't many recreational leagues either. Field hockey is a great sport, and you see how much the people that are here love it and how it unites everyone."

During the games, each team had their own strategies of how to incorporate every player into the lineup. The Cougars were mostly in it for fun.

"We decided to just throw people in wherever they wanted to play," said Hodges. "We tried to put in all the 'older ladies' first, and then subbed in the younger ones."

"I think the Wilmington Varsity was going easy on us, but either way, it was a lot of fun," said Judi Zaino, another Cougars player, who graduated in 1963.

The Cats, on the other hand, were a little more organized.

"We decided to separate into groups based on who played what position in high school," explained Emily Olson, a graduate of 2005. "From there we decided to just fit everyone in as we went along, each person playing about five minutes at a time."

"For us, we thought it would be hard playing the varsity girls because they've been practicing all season, whereas most of us haven't even been playing," she said.

The WHS Varsity, also called the Kittens, used their regular lineup and then eventually just subbed in players at random.

"I think our team was pretty scared at first to play the alumni because we were afraid of hurting them," said Luz. "But we actually got tossed around pretty well by them!"

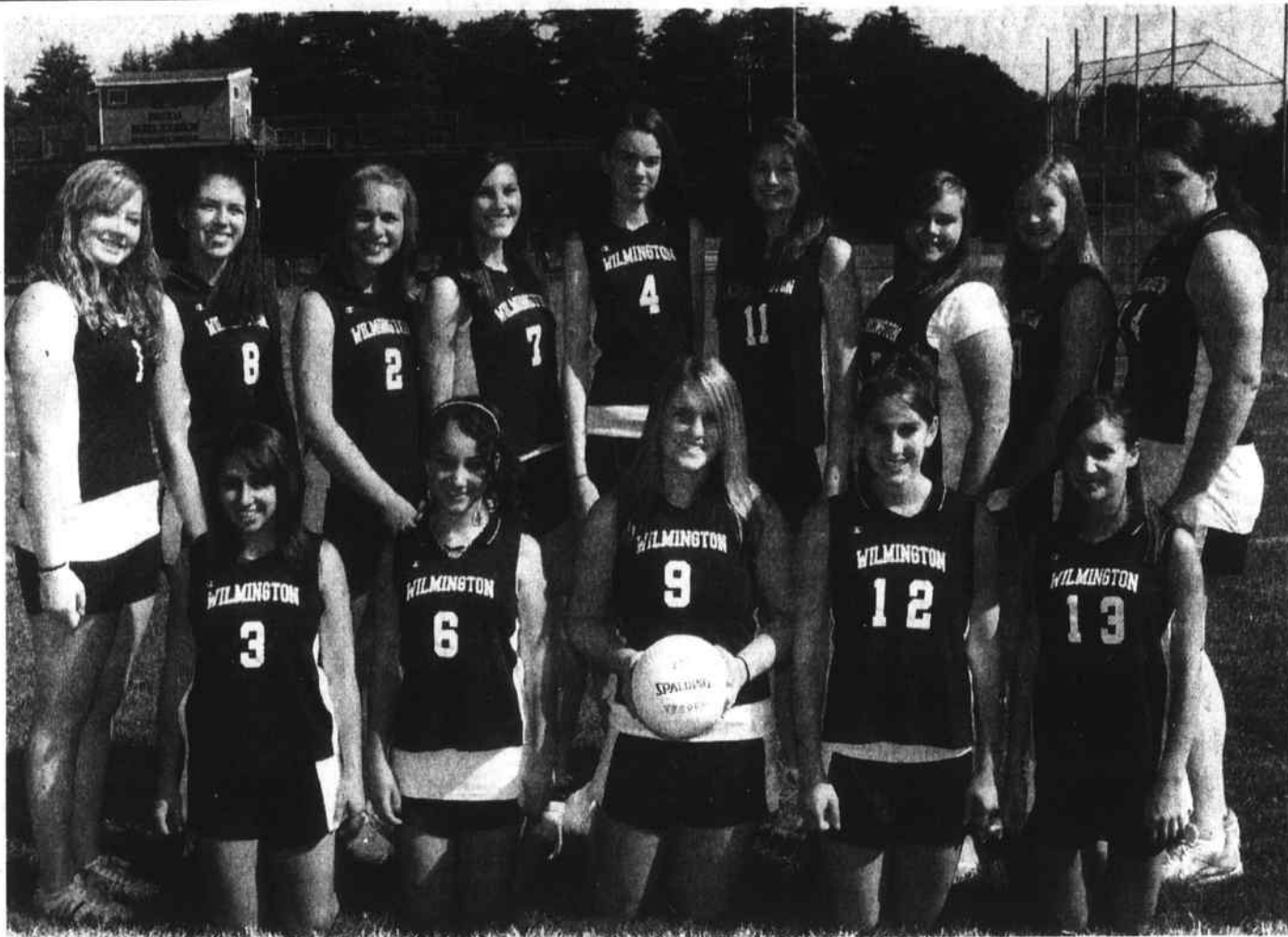
In the end, however, the games were not so much remembered for their scores, but were primarily remembered for bringing former players back to their old friends and the sport they love, as well as raising money for WHS field hockey equipment, banquets, and team building activities, as well as gathering a significant collection of items and a monetary donation to the Food Pantry.

"One of my first thoughts was that I am too out of shape to be playing field hockey again, but then I realized that everyone else was probably going to be out of shape too," said Olson. "Overall, it was fun because I miss field hockey so much, and I would definitely come back again next year."

"If I can, I will be looking forward to coming back next year when I'm part of the alumni, just so I can show Coach Jodi up!" said Luz.

MacKenzie looks forward to holding the event again.

"I'm definitely considering this to be an annual tradition," she said. "I mean, how can I not, after receiving countless emails saying, 'See you next year!'"



The Wilmington High School JV Volleyball team completed its successful season. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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was scored.

"The girls were disappointed to not win given how hard they worked. They played the best game I had seen all season and it was the first game they scored more than one goal."

O'Mara added that she had a great time coaching the freshman club this past season.

"The girls were great fun to be around," said O'Mara. "They put the effort forth they needed to, at practice and in games, and asked lots of questions about how to improve their play and understanding their positions better. I loved the united front they truly became and the support they so enthusiastically gave to the JV and Varsity teams at their games."

The roster for the WHS freshmen field hockey team includes Janelle Celeste (forward), Julia Carter (forward and mid), Alyson Downs (defense), Janelle Engrem (defense), Alison Evans (mid/forward), Megan Howland (forward), Julie Jewkes (goalie, defense), Kassie Madore (mid), Laura Magee (forward), Melissa Ideologueue (forward), Alyssa Smalley

(goalie/defense), Serena Ouellette (mid/defense), and Joleen Styles (mid/defense). All players are freshmen except Kassie Madore who is a sophomore.

Girls JV Soccer

The JV Girls Soccer team consisted of 18 players and nine of them were freshmen. Even though the team was very young, they were very successful. The squad finished the season with a record of 9-5-5 and the players proved that they were the future of the WHS girl's soccer program.

Coaching girl's JV team was Mary Jo English, who has been involved in the WHS girl's soccer program for three seasons. English coached the girl's freshmen team during her first year and has coached the JV team the last two seasons.

"Admittedly, at the beginning of the season, I did not know what range of outcomes to expect from a JV team comprised of 50% freshmen," said English. "But they were smart, loved the game, and never doubted themselves. It was a pleasure to watch them be such an integral part of our success."

English added that she enjoyed coaching the entire squad this past season.

"It was not a team whose success was derived from a few superstars," said English. "It was a team that was characterized by hard work, intelligence and no fear. They were an extremely close knit group who played for each other."

"The team's confidence grew through the season. They expected to give the opposition a good game, every game. Their understanding of tactics and what they needed to do to win improved throughout the season. Defensively, we made very few costly mistakes."

English also had the opportunity to coach five juniors that she has coached for three consecutive seasons. They were Lauren Cole, Alyssa Fiorentino, Kristen Keller, Jess Maienza and Maye Randell. Each player brought great leadership to the club and English enjoyed coaching all five of them.

The Wildcats had some great moments throughout the season, including victories against some very difficult teams.

"Our best games were against the league's strongest

opposition Masco, Lynnfield, Ipswich, North Reading and North Andover," said English. "Some of my favorite moments in these games and other games were the displays of grit from our defense and goalie and some of the game winning and game tying goals in some very close and tough games."

The entire roster includes juniors Lauren Cole (forward/midfielder), Alyssa Fiorentino (forward), Maye Randell (midfielder), Jess Maienza (forward/midfielder), Kristen Keller (forward/midfielder), sophomores Michela Stone (junior), Christiana Contrada (forward), Michaela D'Ambrosio (forward/midfielder), Mikayla Viscontf (defense), freshmen Kristen Tavares (midfielder), Amy Scott (forward/midfielder), Lauren McKenna (defense), Ally Gemellaro (midfielder), Jane Farrell (defense), and Megan Priem (defense), Gianna Tummin (forward), Kim Woods (goalie), and Kelsey Mangan (forward/midfielder).



On Saturday morning, the Wilmington High School Field Hockey program organized an alumni game, featuring current and former players, who were divided up into three teams and played several short contests against one another. Fun was had by all, while the game was organized to benefit the local Food Pantry. (courtesy photo).



From left to right, Wilmington residents, AJ Bruce, Lizzie McDermott and Paul Bruce were athletes at Austin Prep High School. AJ Bruce, a junior was named the Most Improved Golfer. McDermott, a freshman, was named the Most Improved runner on the Cross Country team. And Paul Bruce, a senior, was given an award of excellence as a member of the Golf team. (courtesy photos/AP).

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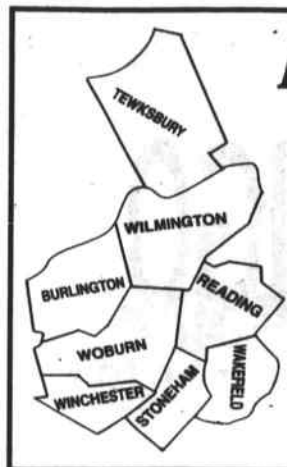
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Macy tabbed as an All-American

By DAN IGO
Sports Correspondent

Field hockey season might have ended last month, but UMass Lowell's Sammy Macy continues to add accolades and honors after her impressive season.

The junior forward from Tewksbury was one of three River Hawks to be named to the 2009 Longstreth/National Field Hockey Coaches' Association Division II All-American First Team.

Macy had a fantastic year at UMass Lowell, leading her team with 57 points on 25 goals and seven assists. She was also ranked third in the country in points per game (2.38) and goals per game (1.04).

She was named 2009 Northeast-10 Conference Player of the Year and also to the NCAA Championship All-Tournament Team. Last year she was named to the 2008



NFHA All-American First Team.

Wilmington's Ashley Vitale had 14 points and 10 rebounds, but it wasn't enough as Endicott College fell to Tufts 7-64 on Tuesday.

The junior center shot 7-14 from the field and also had a team-high four assists in the game. The loss was the Gulls' first of the year (2-1). Vitale will next take the court on Wednesday as Endicott ends a four-game home stand against Suffolk University.

Sarah Boudreau filled up the box score in helping lead the Westfield State women's basketball team to a 65-57 road victory over Mount Ida College on Tuesday.

The senior point guard from Tewksbury had five points, five assists and three rebounds in the win. Boudreau, who is also a team-captain, played in a team-high 33 minutes. The Owls sport a record of 4-1. They played host to Williams College on Tuesday.

Good news from the Vermont hockey team regarding Pat Cullity. The senior defenseman returned to action last week after missing a handful of games with a shoulder injury. He played in the Catamounts three games last week against UMass (L), Northeastern (W) and Yale

(W).

Three Wilmington residents competed in Sunday's "Andover Country Club 3.5 XC Race." John Gorvin finished in 83rd place with a time of 24:48. Mark Blaisdell's time of 25:49 was good enough for 106th place. Steve Paone finished in 298th place with a time of 34:07.

The "Santa's Toy Trek 5K run and 3K walk" will be held at the Lowell Elks on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. Proceeds will benefit Toys for Tots. Those interested can visit the race's Web site: <http://www.santastoytrek.webs.com/>.

There is still room available in the Tewksbury Boys Basketball League's high school division. Those interested should contact: TBBLANNOUCEMENTS@GMAIL.COM. Games for the high school division start this Sunday. All game schedules have been uploaded to the league's Web site: <http://www.eteamz.com/tbbi/index.cfm>. The Web site also has updated game schedules.

Wilmington Youth Soccer is holding registration for first-time players next Wednesday at the Shawsheen School cafeteria at 6 p.m. Those interested can go to the league's Web site: <http://www.wilmingtonyouthsoccer.org/>.

This column will continue weekly. If you have any information you feel should be featured in this column, feel free to e-mail me at: dan.j.igo@gmail.com.



The Wilmington Boys 5th grade travel basketball team recently completed an undefeated Thanksgiving tournament in Malden over the weekend. Pictured in photo, back row, l-r: Daniel Judkins, Zachary Richards, Bobby Gostanian, Robbie DuCharme, Joe Gaudreau. Front row l-r: Coach Tom Richards, Cam Walsh, DJ Kenney, Mike Cocca, Matt Mangano, Coach Ron Judkins. Missing from photo: Quintin DiStefano, Scott Stenson. (courtesy photo).

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Mite 3's skate in Woburn Classic tournament

The Wilmington Youth Hockey Association Mite 3 team spent a busy but fun Thanksgiving weekend participating in the Woburn Turkey Day Classic at the O'Brien Arena. The tournament atmosphere had everything: professional games, player introductions, lively music during intermissions, and great play by everyone involved.

Despite disappointing results on the scoreboard, the Wildcats showed their abilities by making smart defensive plays and controlling long stretches of action in the offensive zone during each game. After Saturday's double-header game action, the boys enjoyed a pizza buffet to recharge for Sunday's final round.

In Friday's opening game against host Woburn, the Wildcats were without several regulars due to holiday travel. Called up from the Wilmington Youth program "Buzzers" instructional league, Christian "CJ" Petrie and Nathan Alberti did not look out of place skating regular shifts on the forward lines. Unfortunately for the 'Cats, in a tight game that truly could have gone either way, the Wilmington boys couldn't find the finishing touch around the net. Woburn chipped in a single goal in each period to take the win 3-0.

The goal drought continued Saturday morning as Wilmington faced off against Winchester. Friday's goalie, Chris Bernazani, moved up to the right wing and Aidan Elkins took over in net. Winchester would prove to be a real force in the tournament, but the Wilmington defensive corps of Joseph Hartzell, James LeFave, Matt Ardito, and Nolan Vigeant showed their strength as well, limiting Winchester's chances through a scoreless first period. Winchester took a 1-0 lead in the second, and then survived a Wildcat power play following a tripping penalty. Winchester showed their strength in the final period, scoring in the first minute,

then grabbing another goal midway through the final period. With the Wildcats pressing the offense, a late breakaway sealed the win for Winchester.

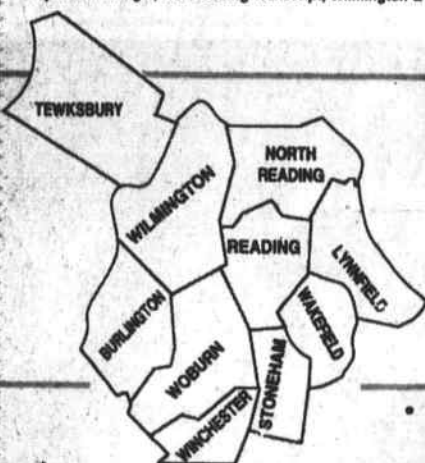
In the Saturday afternoon game against Arlington, the lineup shuffled a bit more as Alex Fitzler joined the forward lines and Garrett Alberti shifted to defense. Arlington grabbed a quick lead in the first period, and worked to grind out two more scores in the second. Wilmington centers Anthony Cuozzo and Harry Serounian worked with a variety of wingers as the forwards rotated on the fly. Max Churchill was a particular standout as Wilmington forced the offense in the final period, but again the Wildcats were shut down by Arlington's dedicated netminder.

Sunday morning brought a rematch with Arlington and a chance to break out of the scoring doldrums. As they had the day before, Arlington surged to the lead and forced the Wildcats to play from behind. Brendan Ardito showed his skill as a passer and a shooter, setting up several scoring opportunities for his teammates. Wilmington appeared to score at the end of the second period, but the referees ruled that time had expired just before the puck hit the twine. With time running out and Arlington securely ahead, Riley Fitzgerald broke through for a goal late in the final period. That goal again showed the kind of effort the team displays in every game, playing hard right through to the final buzzer no matter the score.

You can support the team by voting in the SBLI Bruins Challenge at <http://bruins.notchturner.com/contests/voting.aspx?team=1858>. Top vote getters have the opportunity to win a team outing to the upcoming NHL Winter Classic at Fenway Park on January 1, 2010.

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Thomas McLaughlin mayor 2005 - 2009

Woburn's Mayor reflects on past four years



Thomas McLaughlin

2003 Elected Alderman Ward 7

2005 Elected Mayor by defeating incumbent Mayor John Curran

2007 Reelected Mayor unopposed

2009 Loses reelection bid to Ward 3 Alderman Scott Galvin

By GORDON VINCENT
WOBURN - Thomas McLaughlin's tenure as mayor of Woburn comes to a close in a little more than a month, and his political epitaph will probably take years to write, but one thing is already clear - no one in the history of the city has enjoyed his time in the corner office at City Hall more than he has.

Pressed to come up with one aspect he hasn't liked about the job he has held for the past four years, McLaughlin couldn't come up with a single thing - even having to contend with nosy reporters.

"Truly, being mayor of the city of Woburn has been an honor, an enjoyable experience and a wonderful opportunity to continue a family tradi-

tion," said McLaughlin.

McLaughlin's father was a president of the City Council, and his brother Jack and first cousin Henry served as aldermen. Like so many others who hold elected office, McLaughlin's start in politics was at the grassroots level as a vocal opponent of a housing development in his neighborhood off Cambridge Road in West Woburn.

Then a recently-retired State Police Lt. Colonel, McLaughlin decided to try for the Ward 7 alderman seat on the City Council in 2003. Several potential candidates took out nomination papers to succeed Stephen Braese, who had already announced he was stepping down from the council, but only McLaughlin returned his signed forms and

was elected without opposition - an almost unprecedented event for a freshman alderman.

Two years later, he decided to challenge 2-term incumbent John Curran for mayor. His calm demeanor and steady approach to issues on the council appealed to voters, who elected him in what was widely considered an upset. McLaughlin was reelected in 2007, but was defeated by Ward 3 Alderman Scott Galvin last month in his bid for a third term.

Ever the class act, McLaughlin showed up at Galvin's victory party on election night to congratulate his opponent, but he got there so early that Galvin himself hadn't even arrived yet. McLaughlin has vowed to make the transition to the Galvin administration as seamless as possible.

"The voters spoke that it was time for a change and I respect them and their decision," said McLaughlin. "I don't think (Galvin) and I will ever be best buddies, but the city is bigger than the people who are elected to run it. There are no sour grapes here."

McLaughlin and Galvin met on Nov. 12 to map out a transitional strategy.

Galvin will have to assume control of several undertakings that started or moved forward considerably during the McLaughlin administration, most notably the construction of the new



WOBURN'S MAYOR TOM MCLAUGHLIN (at right) gets a hug from his grandson 12 year Dane Cline, while McLaughlin's wife Cheryl looks on.

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Goodyear Elementary School and improvements to the city's water distribution system.

"We just picked a highly-regarded contractor (Gilbane Building Co. of Rhode Island) for the new Goodyear and we've made significant progress in improving the city's water quality," said McLaughlin. "Keep in mind that none of this has been done single-handedly. We've worked in cooperation with the City Council, and with the schools, with the School Committee, the Goodyear School Building Committee and a host of other agencies in the city."

He notes he has managed to expand the city's infrastructure while at the same time lowering property taxes and retaining city services.

"We were able to secure (federal) economic stimulus funds because we were prepared and had a number of projects ready to go," said McLaughlin. "We were very focused on keeping as much Chapter 90 (state highway) funds as possible so we could re-pave our roads, and replace things like the seats in the auditoriums in our two middle schools."

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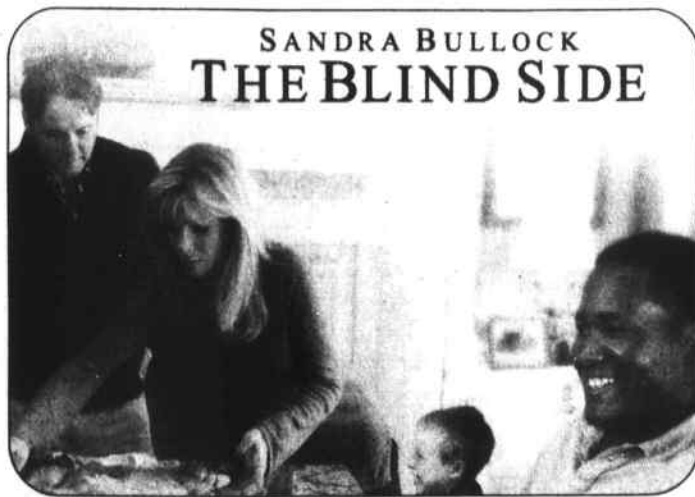
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Movie Reviews

by Paul Feely

"THE BLIND SIDE" HEART-WARMING



"THE BLIND SIDE" STARS Sandra Bullock in the true story of a black teenager and the chance at life that Bullock gives him. It's a feel good story, just perfect for the holiday season.

Sandra Bullock has a big hit in this heart-warming true story of black teenager Michael Oher (newcomer Quinton Aaron) and the chance at life given him by Leigh Anne Tuohy (Bullock) by taking him off the street, integrating him into her white, upper class family, and setting the stage for him to become a first round draft pick of the Baltimore Ravens.

And after all the dire and disappointing movies so far this fall, audiences probably needed "The Blind Side" as well.

This feel-good sports/biographical drama is predictable and by-the-numbers, but plays pretty well nonetheless.

Also, a good and largely fresh-faced cast certainly makes this material better than it would be otherwise.

Michael "Big Mike" Oher is a Tennessee teen who went from being homeless to becoming a college football star.

In this version of events (from the Michael Lewis book), Michael (Aaron) is found wandering the streets and is taken in by Leigh Anne Tuohy (Bullock) and her family.

At first, this is supposed to be a temporary arrangement. But when it becomes apparent that Mike has

nowhere else to go, the Tuohys make that arrangement more permanent.

They also help him turn his failing school career around. With coaxing from Leigh Anne, Michael also begins playing high school football, where the hulking teen turns out to be a natural.

NCAA football fans, as well as NFL followers, will already know how this story turns out. And besides, this sort of story has to have a certain kind of ending.

The rewarding moments come from the performances, especially the give-and-take between Bullock and Aaron.

The actors playing the other Tuohys are also good. Tim McGraw is solid as Leigh Anne's supportive husband, while Jae Head steals scenes as their son.

Some occasional humor also works well. Kathy Bates adds to this in a brief supporting role as a private tutor the Tuohys hire to help Mike boost his GPA.

"THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON"
GRADE: **

The 'Twilight' movie series is quickly becoming the Romeo and Juliet of modern teen fantasy fiction,

which makes for a happier ending - since at least one of the two main characters is already dead - or undead to be exact.

The first film in the series traced the impossible love between a mortal woman and a sensitive vampire. New Moon throws a few more obstacles in the path of their eternal happiness. It isn't quite as good as the original but it still persuades that such a far-fetched premise could actually work.

Bella (Kristen Stewart) has promised herself body and soul to vampire Edward (Robert Pattinson) which is tricky because he loves her as a living woman, and is unwilling to let her join him in the ranks of the undead. Poor Bella is distraught as she will only grow older and die as Edward remains eternally 17. Or, 17 going on 109, depending on how you look at it.

Thinking only of Bella, Edward decides the best thing he could do for her is to dump her. He walks out of her life, vowing never to return and leaves for a fair amount of the film as well. In her hour of need, Bella finds a shoulder to cry on in the form of her old friend Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner).

Could a love triangle be forming? It's not that simple as Jacob has his own dark secret (hint - he likes to rip it up and howl at the moon every once in a while).

Are there no normal boys in her neck of the woods? The broken hearts and wounded pride that define the relationships between the central trio certainly have enough mileage to keep fans engaged for future instalments. New Moon leaves plenty of loose ends for The Twilight Saga: Eclipse which is due next summer.

Local youths star in Pirates of Pinzance at Austin Prep



Group photo: Front row (left to right): Sydney Brennan (Wilmington), Sarah Dingman (N. Reading), Bran Tran (Burlington), Lisa Nguyen (Wilmington), Caitlyn Burns (Billerica). Back Row: Dana Chaykovsky (Tewksbury), Anne Harney (Stoneham), Ellen Baillie (Reading)

"DISNEY'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL"
GRADE: ***

Dazzling. Amazing. Brilliant.

All of the terms above apply to Disney's A Christmas Carol, the latest feature film by director Robert Zemeckis, but the terms apply only to the presentation of the film - its special effects. Much of the rest of the overall package is less than perfect, but that's hard to remember when your jaw is on the floor after seeing the 3D visuals.

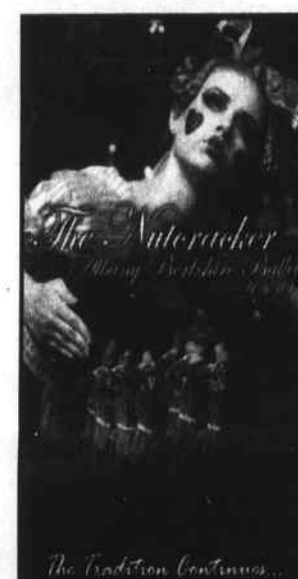
Jim Carrey plays Ebenezer Scrooge and the voices of ghosts of Christmas past, present and future. He's joined by Gary Oldman as Bob Cratchit and others, Cary Elwes, Robin Wright Penn, Colin Firth and Bob Hoskins.

Carrey's ability to do a variety of voices borders on genius, but he's forced to stick to the script, taking away the genius that usually results from his exceptional ad-libbing skills.

Though Zemeckis takes Dickens' words from the pages of his novel and puts them into the film almost verbatim, there's no a lot of love for the material on display. Such a timeless classic would seem to deserve a more loving touch, but Zemeckis and his crew seems to have spent all of their time perfecting the special effects. You get endless and technically gor-

geous scenes in which Scrooge and the ghosts are flown across the countryside, but not much else.

Zemeckis achieves in his quest to stun the senses with most amazing effects and powerful 3D images you have seen yet on screen, but somehow manages to leave the humanity out of a timeless tale that is all about finding the better side in all of us.



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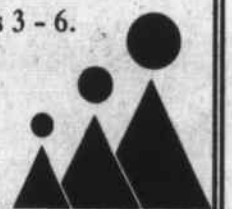
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About the Towns by Phyllis Nissen

COMMUNITIES MARCH AHEAD, A FEW STEPS IN TIME

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COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS IN WINCHESTER

Only the second in a series, an early "community conversation on the town center," sponsored by the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen, generated a lively discussion among representatives of the arts, cultural groups, churches, and businesses who met in the McCall School library on the subject "The Town Center: Expanding Winchester's Cultural Activities Center," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Opening the discussion, Planning Board Chairman Lance Grenzeback said that the arts and cultural activi-

ties are part of keeping the town center healthy and vibrant. By the end of the discussion he recapped the major issues brought forward as visibility, performing space, coordination of events, and barriers such as information barriers.

"The discussion began with four invited panelists. John McConnell, vice-president of the board of Directors of the Griffin Museum, said the museum, now 18 years old, has grown from a town institution to something more regional that has attracted the attention of the New York Times.

"Space is an issue, and the board has reportedly been discussing expanding, either on site (difficult due to the flood plain) or by use of other venues for exhibits, already started. Asked if they would like

the opportunity to exhibit in store windows like Art in August, he said they would.

"Nancy Schrock, vice-president of the Winchester Historical Society, said the Society helps the town understand what the center's history was. The Society has a sign on the historical downtown next Town Hall and offers walking tours, trolley tours, talks, and information on the preservation of buildings.

"The Society's home, however, is at the Sanborn House on High Street. Schrock said the Society is interested in partnering with other organizations and using the library or Town Hall as another meeting venue, especially for large programs. If there is a photography day using downtown windows, she suggested also having a history day...

"Judy Manzo of Book Ends said that a new site, WinCentral.org, is an attempt to bring all organizations to one communications vehicle. WinCentral can be used post events, reports, or newsletters. It was said the communications vehicle already exists; it just needs to be used."

MAKING MUSIC IN READING

"Nicholas St. Pierre and Matthew Bruce of Reading Memorial High School have

been selected to be members of the third-annual U.S. Army All-American Marching Band, an honor celebrating the values and strengths these standouts share with Army Strong Soldiers. St. Pierre and Bruce will join a group of elite marching musicians selected to perform in the 10th Anniversary of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl half-time show on Saturday, January 9, 2010, at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The U.S. Army has a long musical history with more than 34 musical and performing groups," said Col. Derik Crotts, Deputy Chief of Staff, G7, U.S. Army Accessions Command. "Being an Army musician is just one option the All-American Bowl showcases to young Americans. The mental, emotional and physical qualities necessary to be a successful musician are the same qualities mirrored in Army Strong Soldiers. We are proud to honor all of our U.S. Army All-American Band musicians and congratulate them on their selection."

"The U.S. Army All-American Marching Band recognizes the top 97 high school senior marching musicians from across the country and showcases their talents during the largest celebration of high school football in America, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl. The U.S. Army All-American Bowl is the country's premier high school football event, featuring the

nation's top 90 high school football players and telecast live on NBC...."

DANCING WITH THE STARS IN WILMINGTON

"Linda Covino knows a good prospect when she sees it. The local Realtor turned a life long dream to dance into a fundraising success story and helps fulfill the dream of homeownership for others. Her organization, Dancing with the Realtors, is a non-profit organization that has raised over \$131,000 for Habitat for Humanity," notes the Wilmington "Town Crier."

"The Dancing with the Realtors Season 3 finale kicked off at the Burlington Marriott. Hosted by Billy Costa and featuring celebrity judge Susan Wornick, the event brought out more than 420 spectators for a fun filled evening that grossed \$23,800 to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

"Covino founded the organization three years ago after walking into Studio 665 'to fulfill a life long dream to dance and to see if I had what it took to be a competitive ballroom dancer,' said Covino in an email to the Crier. 'It was too

much fun and, being involved with fundraiser for my realtor association and community, I thought it would be fun to do a dancing with the Realtor show and chose Habitat for Humanity as a natural fit...."

"The final show for Season 3 will occur on January 16 for North Central Association of Realtors in Leominster. Further, all dancers will compete at the prestigious Eastern United States Dancesport Championships, from January 22-24 at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel. Dancing with the Realtors event will be on Saturday afternoon, January 23. For more information visit www.easterndancesport.com.

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St. John's Prep inducts 226 in National Honor Society

St. John's Prep is proud to announce that 226 students were inducted into the Brother Benjamin Chapter of the National Honor Society at a ceremony held October 21 on the school campus.

The National Honor Society recognizes high school students for scholarship, leadership, character, and service to school and community. To qualify, students must demonstrate academic achievement, leadership, character and a commitment to community service.

Specifically, students must earn a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade point average, contribute at least

30 hours of community service in the prior year and demonstrate leadership and involvement in the life of the school. The Brother Benjamin Chapter of the National Honor Society at St. John's Prep is named in honor of the school's first headmaster, Brother Benjamin, CFX, who served from 1907 until 1917.

St. John's Prep National Honor Society, Fall 2009 Inductees:

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Bake up a treat for your holiday meals

Entertaining is a large part of the holiday season. No matter what religious or cultural holiday is celebrated, gathering, reminiscing ... and eating are often part of the festivities.

With the influx of people dropping by and meals to be served this time of year, the wise host or hostess should collect recipes to have on hand that will help feed the crowds or just make an intimate meal together more memorable.

As an alternative to store-made breads or canned rolls and biscuits, why not try your hand at a tasty and relatively easy to make homemade bread? This herbed loaf will complement a wide range of meals and there probably won't be a crumb left over.

Italian Herbed Bread
(Serves 6 to 8)

2 1/2 cups bread flour

1 cup hot tap water
3 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 teaspoon white sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 package fast-acting dry yeast* (see note below about yeast)

Dried Italian seasonings, to taste

Dried rosemary, to taste
1 teaspoon olive oil reserved for after baking

Sprinkle of Kosher salt reserved for after baking

In a mixing bowl, combine fast-acting yeast and hot

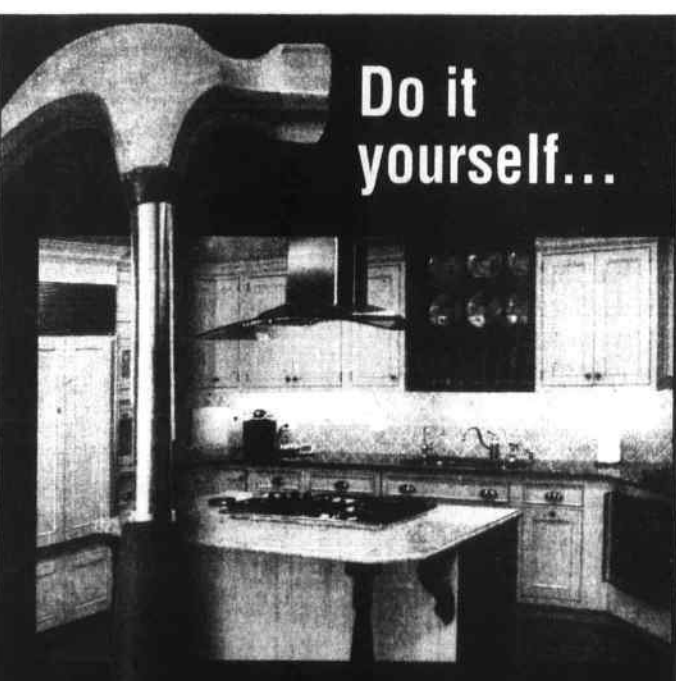
water. Let yeast and water sit for 5 minutes. Add sugar, salt, olive oil, herbs and flour. Mix until ingredients are well incorporated. (For those with bread machines, follow the directions for the machine for mixing the dough). Then turn out onto a floured board. With hands dusted in flour, knead bread for 5 minutes until dough is soft and no longer very tacky.

*If using fast-acting yeast, follow the instructions for rising. Many brands require the dough to simply sit aside for 10 minutes, which will replace the first rise with traditional

yeast recipes. If using traditional yeast, follow the instructions on the packet for rising and punching down dough.

When dough has sat or undergone the first rise, transfer it to a loaf pan that has been lightly oiled. Set the pan in a warm spot of the home. Let the dough rise in the loaf pan until doubled in size, roughly 2 to 3 hours.

Bake risen dough in an oven preheated to 400 F for 20 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove bread and use a pastry brush to brush olive oil on top and then sprinkle with Kosher salt. Serve warm.



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Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

•MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA:

What was the original nickname of the NFL's Washington Redskins? Answer/appears elsewhere in this column.

•Junior Angus MacDonald (Methuen, MA) placed 26th and earned All-American honors as the UMass Lowell men's cross country team placed 16th while the women placed 23rd at the NCAA Championship Saturday afternoon at Southern Indiana University.

Led by MacDonald, the UMass Lowell men compiled 396 points (26, 82, 87, 92, 109 - 112, 118) as Adams (CO) State won the team title with a sterling 23 points (1, 3, 4, 7, 8). Western (CO) State placed second with 86 points and was followed by Colorado School of Mines (153), Western Washington (170) and Grand Valley State (185).

The River Hawks were the top East Region team as Stonehill took 21st with 474 points.

The River Hawk women compiled 587 points (97, 111, 116, 123, 140 - 151, 155), placing second among East Region entries. Stonehill placed 16th with 367 points.

Adams State also captured the women's title with 73 points (7, 9, 14, 17, 26) while

Grand Valley State placed second with 81 points. Missouri Southern (104), Seattle Pacific (151) and Alaska Anchorage (158) rounded out the top five.

MacDonald placed 37th overall and ran the 10K course in 32:29.4. He became UMass Lowell's fifth All-American of the decade, following Ruben Sanca (2007), Chris Kapfer (2004) and Carl Mease (2001, 2002).

Only 35.9 seconds separated UMass Lowell's runners second through fifth. Junior Sean Gelinas (Northwood, NH) placed 82nd among scorers (98th overall) in 33:44.2 while junior Greg Wilson (Chelmsford, MA) placed 87th/103rd in 33:52.3.

Sophomore Eric McDonald (Groveland, MA) placed 92nd/109th in 33:59.9 while sophomore Danny Wang (Haverhill, MA) capped UMass Lowell's scoring effort in 109th/127th with a time of 34:20.1.

Senior Steve O'Brien (Groton, MA) placed in 130th/112th in 34:22.8 while senior Tim Guerin (Auburn, MA) finished in 137th/118th in 34:38.3.

"Angus ran great and right according to plan," said UML Head Coach Gary Gardner. "He ran his best race of the season on the perfect day. Unfortunately Tim did not feel great which cost the team and him a great performance."

"The rest of the team ran solid but not spectacular," Gardner added. "It is tough when four of your guys are running the NCAA's for the first time. Losing Jeff Veiga (sophomore, injured) really cost us at a meet of this magnitude."

Reuben Mwei of Adams State won the men's individual title in 30:27.8.

Junior Lyra Clark (Nashua, NH) led the UMass Lowell women, placing 97th among scoring runners and 116th overall in 23:18.8 for the 6K course. **JUNIOR SARAH BONOMO (TEWKSBURY, MA)** placed 111th/130th in 23:31.3 while senior Haley Catarius (Marshfield, MA) placed 116th/135th in 23:36.1.

Freshman Kelly Walton (Nahant, MA) took 123rd/142nd and junior Ivory Farren (Chelmsford, MA) capped the scoring runners in 140th/159th with a time of 24:07.0. Freshman Gina Butler (Dracut, MA) placed 151st/170th in 24:51.9 and **FRESHMAN NICOLE SKOTZ (TEWKSBURY, MA)** took 155th/174th in 25:13.0.

"The women's goal all season was to make it to the NCAA's and I think we put some much energy into making it to the meet that it was tough to get back up for the national championship," Gardner noted.

Senior Jessica Pixler of Seattle Pacific won the women's individual title in 20:22.6.

•Need some help with this week's question? Think local.

•**UMASS LOWELL'S SAMMY MACY (TEWKSBURY, MA)**, Laura Sullivan (Norwood, MA) and Ashley Smith (Killingworth, CT) were named to the 2009 Longstreth/National Field Hockey Coaches' Association

Division II All-American First Team, while Katie Enaire (Amesbury, MA) was tabbed as a Second Team selection, as announced by NFHCA Executive Director Jennifer Goodrich on Tuesday.

There were 16 student-athletes named to the First Team, and UMass Lowell's three honorees tied with Bloomsburg and Shippensburg for the most from one institution. The only other NE-10 school to be represented on the First Team was Stonehill, with two student-athletes.

Macy was honored as the 2009 Northeast-10 Conference Player of the Year and named to the NCAA Championship All-Tournament Team. She was named NE-10 Player of the Week twice during the 2009 campaign and earned UML's Lowell Five Athlete of the Week honors once. She finished the year with a team-best 57 points on 25 goals and seven assists. Macy tallied 144 shots during the year and scored eight game-winners. She had six multiple-point games, including a hat trick against American International on Oct. 7. She was ranked third in the country in points per game (2.38)

and goals per game (1.04). Macy was also named to the 2008 NFHCA All-American First Team.

The River Hawks finished the season with an 18-6 mark overall and 7-3 record in Northeast-10 action. For the third consecutive season, UMass Lowell made it to the NCAA Division II Field Hockey National Championship game, where they fell to Bloomsburg in a 3-2 heartbreaker.

•**ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:** The answer is the Boston Braves. After the team's initial season in 1932, they changed their name to the Redskins, then moved to Washington prior to the 1937 season.

•**DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?** If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to readingchronicle@comcast.net, or mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, Ma., 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200.

McLaughlin From S-1

He also brightened the appearance of City Hall, lighting the building at night and giving the facade a new coat of paint that was done with such care that former mayoral aide Vincent Ferlisi (now head of the Woburn DPW) was dispatched to the city's historical archives to research the original colors.

He said he got the idea from a lighthouse at his vacation home in Jupiter, Fla., which was spruced up and illuminated to give it presence.

"(Woburn) Common looks wonderful at night," said McLaughlin. "A building can be just a building during the day, but if you improve the appearance and shine a little light on it at night, it can become something the entire community can be proud of."

There was also the demolition of the decrepit Berlandi apartment building on Main Street, which was replaced with a shiny new structure with townhouses. He's proud that the ultimate decision against the proposed Archstone mega-development at the Northeastern University property off Cambridge Road at the Burlington line occurred during his watch.

"We may have won on a technicality, but we won," said McLaughlin, noting the Supreme Judicial Court ultimately ruled the state Housing Appeals Committee over-stepped its authority in the case. "I don't know how that part of the city ever would have sustained 640 new apartments, but it was a huge victory for Woburn residents."

"Now we have an opportunity to buy those 75 acres and protect that land from development," he added. "It's a huge opportunity for the city."

McLaughlin also inaugurated the Senior Picnic, and

proudly notes the city has won Energy Star awards for energy efficiency from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for six of its buildings, more than any other community in the state.

"And we're one point short of a seventh Energy Star for City Hall," he said.

Indeed, McLaughlin brought a Reagan-esque presence to the city in that he has made Woburn residents feel better about living in what has been portrayed at times - usually wildly inaccurately - as a city which falls short of some of its neighbors. McLaughlin has always enjoyed the ceremonial aspect of the job. The two local papers have run dozens of photos of McLaughlin at ribbon-cutting ceremonies, handing out awards to residents and generally keeping up the city's best appearances.

"Woburn is a great city," said McLaughlin. "We have a tremendous history. It's a great place to live in the present, and we have a promising future to look forward to."

McLaughlin's future, at least politically, is unclear. After the keys to the corner office are turned over to Galvin next month, he'll probably spend at least a month in Florida at his vacation home, which is practically within sight of Roger Dean Stadium, the spring training home shared by the Florida Marlins and the St. Louis Cardinals - "I think the Red Sox are playing there a couple of times this spring," he says - and then he'll return to Woburn.

"I've learned never to say never, especially in politics," said McLaughlin. "But right now, I'm not thinking about that. I'm looking forward to doing anything I can do in the next few weeks before I leave office to keep the city running as well as it ever has."

TRADITIONS HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Holiday hosting tips to keep guests safe

When it comes to the holidays, tradition tends to reign supreme. Be it when a family opens their presents, where they open those presents or what they eat for dinner, customs rule the roost for most.

A tradition many families share during the holidays is the annual holiday party. An informal way of getting together with family and friends, a holiday party is a time for people to let loose during a season where friends and good cheer go hand in hand. However, as any local police force can attest, some tend to overdo it at holiday parties and the results can be anything but jolly.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the average number of fatalities in crashes involving at least one impaired driver was 40 percent higher for the Christmas holiday period than the rest of December in 2006, and 60 percent higher for the New Year's Day holiday period that same year. Those statistics illustrate the tendency for people to let their alcohol consumption get out of control during the holiday season, a potential problem not only for those driving the roads this holiday season, but those hosting parties as well. Thanks to host laws, individuals hosting parties this season could potentially face legal repercussions should a guest overdo it with alcohol and end up being involved in an accident. To prevent such negative consequences, hosts should consider the following tips.

* Enlist designated drivers: While everyone wants to let loose during a season many people find stressful, enlisting designated drivers in advance of the party is a good way to avoid disaster. Choosing a designated driver can be done by either asking certain guests days in advance of the party, or by using the services of a local taxi or limousine service and informing guests beforehand that the taxis are available and will be used if necessary. If guests know this in advance, they're more likely to be cooperative should the need for a taxi arise.

* Don't make the party all about alcohol: Provide at least as many non-alcoholic beverages as you do alcoholic beverages. Parties with an abundance of alcohol available will only encourage guests to drink to excess. Also, make sure a hearty meal is served. With a full stomach, guests are less likely to overdo it with alcohol.

* Take keys when guests arrive: While taking keys might offend certain individuals, if you make it known on the invitation that all guests must hand over their car keys upon arrival then it shouldn't come as a surprise. Those who balk at the idea can simply choose to not attend. Once a host takes a guest's keys, the host is then responsible for determining if they can drive home. That said, hosts themselves must drink responsibly so they're capable of making the best decision once the party ends.

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By ROBIN LONGENDYKE
Mass Bay Field
Representative
The Salvation Army

(Robin Longendyke is a Woburn resident who coordinates efforts in a host of area locations like the Burlington Mall and Market Basket in Reading.)

I am grateful to the Woburn Daily Times Chronicle for once again allowing me to write for you about The Salvation Army.

This year has been a busy year for us. The statistics are still coming in from all quarters but it looks like in Massachusetts we have served over one million meals this past year. Almost a half a million people were helped in other ways such as with utilities, heat, clothing and other items. The calls for assistance have increased 40% this year and the call volume continues to rise.

Every year we stress the importance of the Red Kettles. We have had those kettles out every holiday season since 1905. The response we get is humbling but the needs just keep growing.

Each year we struggle getting volunteers to man those kettles. This year is no different and perhaps a bit harder. When I am at the kettle people will ask where we have been or why we weren't out at a certain location. The answer is we need volunteers. The money that is collected assists

the local community. All of it stays in Massachusetts. But how can we collect donations and assist people if we don't have the volunteers?

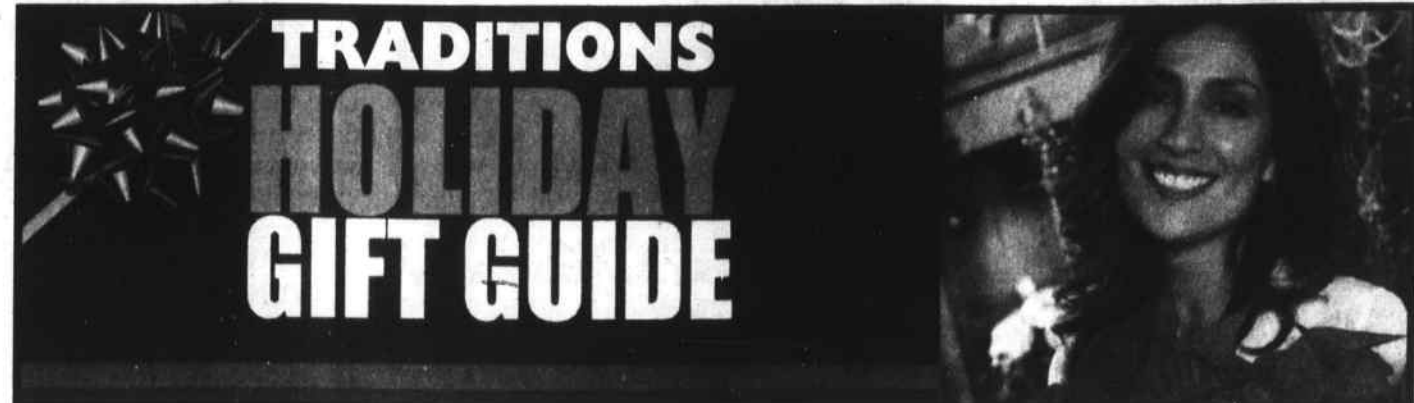
If you can give just 2 hours of your time you will find that it is a rewarding experience. It is an interesting time for people watching. The people who donate are wonderful and will sometimes tell you how The Salvation Army assisted them.

I was at the Kettle on Veteran's Day when a veteran donated. He said, "I always give to The Salvation Army because they were so good to me during the war." Veterans are especially wonderful in this way. They give when you want to say thank you to them for their service.

The youth are outstanding in their giving. The general population, who works hard for their living, donates generously. And people who are out of work donate because they know how it feels to be in need. It is inspiring to see how caring people really are. The true spirit of the holidays becomes apparent.

If you feel you need a little boost with the holiday spirit, volunteering is a great way to start. If you already have that holiday spirit and would just like to volunteer you are needed as well.

Please call 617-542-5420 and tell the receptionist in which town you would like to volunteer.



Film classics to rev up holiday spirit

Families often have their own unique traditions when it comes to the holidays. Lately, families have begun to include films in many of those traditions. That's thanks largely to the array of classic holiday films that have consistently put people in the holiday mood. Families reuniting for the holidays this year have a host of films from which to choose to enjoy a night in and a bucket of popcorn. When heading to visit family and friends, consider bringing one of the following as a gift to make a memorable night with loved ones.

* "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) - Led by an all-star cast including Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelo, the Griswold family Christmas should be merry, but naturally turns into a hilarious disaster. Look for appearances by "Seinfeld" veteran Julia Louis-Dreyfus and legendary comedienne Doris Roberts in supporting roles.

* "A Christmas Story" (1983) - Growing up in 1940s America, young Ralphie has his heart set on a Red Rider BB gun for Christmas, but it seems like Mom, teacher and even Santa are certain he'll "shoot his eye out" with such a gift. Will Ralphie find his

heart's desire under the tree? Watch to find out.

* "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) - When distraught George Bailey (Jimmy Stewart) meets a compassionate angel, he learns what life would have been like if he'd never existed. Holiday magic wins out in the end.

* "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947) - Another classic that can't be missed! When a man claiming to be Santa Claus is deemed insane, a young lawyer and a headstrong young girl come to his rescue.

* "A Christmas Carol" (1951) - Yet another movie that has spawned a series of more recent remakes. This one stars Alastair Sim as Mr. Scrooge, a bitter, miserly man who doesn't give a hoot about the holiday season. But will a haunting by three ghosts change his mind and will?

* "A Charlie Brown Christmas" (1965) - Charlie Brown is depressed and can't find the Christmas spirit. When he is put in charge of the school's holiday pageant and comes in with a meager Christmas tree, the schoolkids ultimately learn about the true meaning of Christmas.



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* Trees, even healthy ones, will have their share of needle loss. However, if the tree is faded, if the bark on branches is wrinkled, or exterior needles fall off at even the most gentle touch, the tree is excessively dry. Be sure to keep the tree watered to avoid excessive dryness.

* Cut trees will absorb water more readily from their stand if they are given a fresh cut prior to submerging the trunk. A tree that has not been freshly cut will still absorb water, but at a slower rate. A thick, crusty sap forms on the end of the trunk and can hamper water absorption.

* According to the National Christmas Tree Association, it is not necessary to add anything to the water of Christmas trees, like aspirin, bleach or fertilizer. Plain tap water will extend the life of a tree for weeks. Other additives can actually hamper water absorption and tree moisture levels.

* Look for large tree stands that can accommodate at least a gallon of water. A tree drinks at least one quart of water per inch of trunk diameter per day. A larger stand ensures the water will last longer between refills. Also, check water levels regularly. There are products on the market that will automatically add water to tree stands in case you forget.

Many people avoid real Christmas trees because they feel they are "killing" a tree and harming the environment. In fact, Christmas trees are raised on farms and harvested for this specific purpose. For every tree harvested, at least three are planted in its place. Each year there are more trees available than the last. Cut trees can be recycled after the season and impact the environment far less than artificial trees made of non-biodegradable metal and plastic.

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CHRISTMAS GLOW IN BURLINGTON

Christmas Glow, a community family day, will be held on Saturday, December 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. It is sponsored by the Fellowship Bible Church, 71 Center Street, Burlington.

Hear the Christmas Story, decorate gingerbread houses, enjoy cookies and cider.

Pre-registration is encouraged by calling 781-272-2278. www.fellowshipbiblechurch.org.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR AT THE FULLER HOUSE

Looking for unique holiday gifts? The Fuller House in Stoneham is holding a Holiday Bazaar featuring twenty craft tables, door and raffle prizes. Shop the Bazaar on

Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6 from noon til 3 p.m. at the Fuller House, 32 Franklin Street, Stoneham.

For more information call Paula Fay at 781-438-0580.

FOOD ALLERGIES IS TOPIC IN LEXINGTON

On Monday, December 14 "Celebrating the Holidays with Food Allergies" will be discussed at 7 p.m. at Children's Hospital/Beth Israel Medical Care Center, 482 Bedford Street, Lexington.

Roundtable discussion and recipe swap at monthly educational support group. For information call the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, New England Chapter, 781-444-7778.

CELEBRATE CHANUKAH & SHABBAT IN WAKEFIELD

Members of Temple Emmanuel of Wakefield are hosting a first night of Chanukah Shabbat dinner on Friday, December 11.

Chanukah celebrates the 2nd century BCE victory of a small, greatly outnumbered and out-armed army of Jews, known as the Maccabees, over the mighty Greek army that occupied the Holy Land. The rebellion was in response to the Greek attempt to force a Hellenistic lifestyle on the Jewish inhabitants of Israel. This year's celebration begins sundown on December 11 and continues for 8 days ending at sundown December 19.

The Chanukah Shabbat dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Friday evening Shabbat services following at 8 p.m. After the service refreshments will be served. Area friends and family of Temple Emmanuel, along with interested area residents, are encouraged to attend. Reservations are necessary. Dinner for adults is \$10, children under 12 \$5. Reservations needed by December 8, call 781-245-4372.

Temple Emmanuel is located at 120 Chestnut Street in Wakefield. The congregation is an egalitarian independent synagogue serving the needs of individuals and families in communities including Wakefield, Lynnfield, Peabody, Melrose, Bedford, Stoneham, Reading, Woburn and Burlington.

For information call 781-245-4372 or www.WakefieldTemple.org.
ELKS FREE THROW CONTEST DECEMBER 6

The Elks National Free Throw "Hoop Shoot" Contest for all boys and girls ages 8-13 (contestant age group will be determined by their age as of 4/1/10) will be held at the Woodville School in Wakefield on Sunday, December 6 at 8:30

a.m.

For more information contact the local Elks "Hoop Shoot" Director, or visit www.elks.org/hoopshoot.cfm.

Call Ron Hobby at 781-942-7915 for information.

MEMORY TREE

LIGHTING DECEMBER 6

On Sunday, December 6, the Reading Garden Club will hold its annual Memory Tree lighting ceremony at 4 p.m. on the front lawn of the Reading Public Library, 64 Middlesex Avenue. Over the past few years, this event has become a cherished part of Reading's holiday tradition.

This event is held to commemorate individuals, or to celebrate events. For each \$5 "light" purchased, the honoree's name and that of the donor are listed in a book that will be on display in the library during December. All proceeds from this event support the Reading Garden Club's projects in and for the town of Reading.

The public is invited to participate in the ceremony, at which the names of the people and events being honored are read aloud.

Forms for purchasing "lights" and for being listed in the book are available at the Town Hall, Senior Center, YMCA, Bagel World, and the library. For more information contact Corri Ogburn 781-944-2827.

HAM AND BEAN SUPPER DECEMBER 5

The public is invited to the monthly Ham and Bean Supper sponsored by Mount Carmel Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, a charitable organization. This event is on December 5th with continuous servings between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. at the North Reading Masonic Hall, 283 Park Street.

In addition to the regular menu of 4 kinds of beans, piping hot homemade baked macaroni and cheese, homemade cole slaw, Italian, corn and brown breads, and pies, the special of the month will be Clam Chowder.

There is choice of beverage which consists of coffee, tea, diet or regular soda and water. All this for a small donation of \$6 for ages 9 and up, or \$4 for 8 and under.

They would very much like to see friends from surrounding communities. The public is welcome. For directions or questions please call Judy Downes at 978-664-6200.

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For more information visit www.sciwoburn.org.

TOASTMASTERS MEET IN WAKEFIELD

The Wakefield Lakesiders Toastmasters will meet on Monday, December 14 at 7 p.m. at the Americal Civic Center in Wakefield.

Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 7 - 9 p.m. Guests are always welcome.

All individuals interested in developing their communication and leadership skills are welcome to attend. For more information please contact Bill Ryan, Lakesiders President at wfr21@aol.com or visit www.district31.org.

48TH ANNUAL COUNTRY STORE

The Lynnfield Historical Society will hold its 48th annual holiday Country Store on Saturday, December 5 in the 1714 Meeting House.

The Country Store features decorative wreaths and greens, and offers a variety of foods including baked goods, Vermont cheddar and local goat cheese, ham and beans, and penny candy. A popcorn stand and a snack bar will also be in operation throughout the day. The Country Store will open for business at 9 a.m.

GLOUCESTER HORNSPIPE AND CLOG SOCIETY

The Linden Tree Coffeehouse 25th season of acoustic music continues with The Gloucester Hornpipe and Clog Society on Saturday, December 5 at 8 p.m. They sing about Old Ironsides, a Boston Harbor ghost, the Massachusetts State Schooner, the Massachusetts State Heroine, and the sea-serpent of Cape Ann.

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Painted Curtain/Public Spaces is featured in the Atelier Gallery at the Stoneham Theatre in Stoneham through January 10. The exhibit runs parallel to the theatre's production of A Christmas Carol.

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Freeman says the photographs are show from a perspective that allows viewers to feel they are in the space.

The Griffin Museum's Atelier Gallery at the Stoneham Theatre is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 1 - 6 p.m., and one hour before each theater performance.

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However, living a healthy lifestyle is a year-round commitment, and such a lifestyle is far easier to maintain if it's not abandoned once the colder temperatures arrive. In addition, staying disciplined throughout the winter is an effective means of warding off colds and other ailments that can come with the colder seasons. So as winter begins to bear down, consider the following tips for staying healthy and making it to spring feeling better than you ever have.

* Get your shut-eye. While it might seem like getting more sleep in the colder months is akin to a bear hibernating in the winter, that's not entirely true. Don't overdo it when it comes to sleeping, such as hitting the snooze bar and taking long naps on cold days when you're stuck inside. However, be sure to get adequate sleep during the winter months. Getting too little sleep weakens the immune system, which can make you more susceptible to colds, flu and infections.

* Beat viruses to the punch. An essential part of staying healthy in the winter months is prevention. The best way to treat a virus or disease is to prevent it from happening. Though it's common to assume a flu shot is strictly for the elderly or children, that's not the case. Flu shots are available to anyone looking to get one. It might not be easy to get a flu shot depending on where you live, but doing whatever needs to be done to get one is well worth it.

* Exercise. While it's enticing to stay inside on a cold day rather than go to the gym, it's also detrimental to your health. The best way to ensure you continue to exercise through the winter months is to develop a routine. If you exercise after work, bring your gym clothes to work with you so you won't have to go home and change and then be forced to go back outside in order to go to the gym. If you must, work out during your lunch break when the skies are bright and the air a little warmer. Whatever your routine, choose it early in the season and stick to it. Once you've established the routine, it will be much easier to maintain.

* Socialize. As technology advances, more and more

workers have become telecommuters, forgoing the traditional office for the home office. While this can make life easier in a variety of ways, it can also leave you susceptible to Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), a type of depression that can affect people during the winter months when staying in is more common. For telecommuters, who may only leave their house for the office once a week (if at all), it's important to maintain a social life during the winter months to avoid developing any feelings of isolation. Maintain a level of activity in your community, and be sure to get together with friends or family at least

once per week.

* Continue to eat right. Just because you'll be more bundled up thanks to cold weather doesn't mean it's safe to add a few extra pounds. While winter often increases cravings for heartier meals, a hearty meal can still be healthy. Rather than store-bought soups that are heavy in saturated fat, use fresh fruits and vegetables to make your own hearty soups, stews and meals at home. The vitamins from fresh fruits and vegetables can strengthen the immune system, and a healthy wintertime diet will have you ready and raring to go once the warm spring air and sun return.

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~ MONTHLY PROFILE ~

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Once a month Middlesex East will publish a profile of a child that is looking for a home. If you can help please call or e-mail the MARE agency.

Meet David

Hi! My name is David and I love to snowboard and swim.

David is a twelve year old Caucasian boy who is legally free for adoption. He is very curious and loves to learn. He performs at grade level in school but presently needs a little help with reading. His favorite books are the Harry Potter series. David is a natural "outdoor person." He loves to build, kayak, swim, camp, and garden. He enjoys catching birds and butterflies and researching their identity. He then lets them go. He is enlarging his vocabulary daily by learning a word a day from the dictionary. David loves animals and can be very affectionate with them to the point where he may need to be cautioned. Along with being very patient, David can also be very strong willed and has been described by his foster family as an excellent "debater."

In need of a loving family, David would thrive with guidance, support and an opportunity to test his abilities. The ideal family for David should also support his contact with his siblings. His very special wish is to have a family that would love and support him in his many adventures.



Who are the Children Waiting for Adoption?

There are approximately 2,400 children in Massachusetts foster care with the goal of adoption. Through no fault of their own, they cannot be raised by their birth parents. Many will be adopted by a relative or foster parent, but more than 600 have no one to adopt them yet. These waiting children are usually older, ages 6 - 16, or sibling groups who belong together, children of color of all ages, and children with intellectual, physical or emotional difficulties or disabilities. These children have experienced many losses and changes in their lives, and need patient and dependable adoptive parents who can help them grow and thrive in their new family. Free post-adoption support services are available to help.

To learn more about David, and about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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-STONEHAM-

29 CEDAR AVE #2 was sold to Mark Ouellette & Patricia Riordan by Cheryl Golding for \$260,000
159 FRANKLIN ST #D4 was sold to Alison M. Akell by Rosalind A. Graham for \$155,000
159 MAIN ST #40B was sold to Erin M. Connors by Angela Karogiannis for \$235,000
40 MAIN ST #403 was sold to Justin Evans by William E. Croke for \$180,000
588 MAIN ST #3A was sold to Betty Chu by Adam Knight & Alison M. O'Keefe for \$217,500
26 MARBLE ST #2 was sold to Bryan N. & Emily H. George by Colin R. Confoey for \$280,000
18 STONEWOOD AVE was sold to Brian C. Carroll by Rosemarie Carroll & Debra Hunt for \$395,000
3 WALSH AVE was sold to Jorge Leicach by Herbert C. & Bryan R. Mason for \$385,000

-TEWKSBURY-

46 APACHE WAY #46 was sold to Marilyn H. Rayne by Marianne E. Dean & Marianne E. Curry for \$203,000
24 CLEGHORN LN was sold to Danielle L. Nutter by Carol J. Saltmarsh Est & Bryant Jenkins for \$235,000
13 EMERALD CT #13 was sold to Benedict J. & Barbara A. Pothier by Peter M. Barry for \$425,000
51 FIELDSTONE CIR was sold to Dina M. Castiglia by Vindin T. & Anthony P. Smeriglio for \$364,245
47 HERITAGE DR #47 was sold to Nancy M. Sacchetti by Craig D. Faretra for \$250,000
32 HIGHLAND AVE was sold to Jonathan Ouellette & Curtis Hamel by Larkin Dev LLC for \$344,900
29 IRONWOOD LN #29 was sold to Charlene A. Dennehey by Amorello FT & Mark T. Amorello for \$281,000
33 IRONWOOD LN #33 was sold to Great Oak RT & Michael P. Reynolds by Donald E. & Patricia Y. Turner for \$280,000
2500 MAIN ST #203 was sold to Patricia Hart by MJL RT & Michael J. Larkin for \$45,000
41 PATTEN RD was sold to DLJ Mortgage Capital Inc by James E. Donahue & DLJ Mortgage Capital for \$227,365

-WAKEFIELD-

602 NORTH AVE was sold to Jonathan D. Main & John J. DiPaola by Elizabeth A. & Sandra Youngdale for \$370,000
65 OAK ST was sold to FNMA by Christopher Christie & Citimortgage Inc for \$295,500
68 PRESTON ST #4B was sold to Robert C. Francis by Richard & Kathryn E. Morelli for \$205,000
7 TRAVERSE ST was sold to Daniel Conroy & Sandra Mercurio by Fallica RT & Helen M. Fallica for \$300,000

51 WALTON ST was sold to Edmond & Joann E. Koni by Peter & Barbara A. Bramante for \$465,000

-WILMINGTON-

36 BLANCHARD RD was sold to Douglas W. & Jaime A. Cowles by Robert O. Svensson for \$379,500
247 WOBURN ST was sold to David P. & Amy Iascone by Cheryl E. Mills for \$435,000

-WINCHESTER-

1 SOCRATES WAY was sold to Richard & Colleen Channick by Neil R. Kenney & Susan M. Leavis for \$1,123,000
171 SWANTON ST #61 was sold to Genliang & Yanping Yang by Michael M. & Sandra Garber Reinold for \$400,000
24 VINE ST #24 was sold to Brian J. & Cherie Miot Abbanat by Joan A. Boyle for \$650,000
7 WAINWRIGHT RD #2 was sold to Eric W. Hayden & Tove R. Hellerud-Hayden by Charles O. & Joann H. Vaughn for \$780,000

-WOBURN-

10 GARDEN HEIGHTS AVE was sold to John D. Queen by Pamela J.W. & John D. Queen for \$47,500
582 MAIN ST was sold to Darlene McCarthy by Christopher P. Hayes & Deutsche Bank Natl T Co for \$102,000
7 MISHAWUM RD was sold to John & Kathryn Flaherty by Stephen A. & Donna M. Bruno for \$662,500
295 SALEM ST #15 was sold to Elizabeth Sullivan by Michael Bonacorso for \$375,000
295 SALEM ST #28 was sold to Ileana Bordonaro & Patrick Bassermann by Donald C. Cosseboom for \$299,000
18 SHERMAN PL was sold to Michael J. & Lauren R. Maguire by Evan Anthony & Janette K. Abramowitz for \$315,000
19 WOODSIDE TER was sold to John F. Butz by 19 Woodside Terrace NT & George J. Sharkey for \$287,500

-LYNNFIELD-

8 DAVENTRY CT was sold to Gary D. Walker by Alfred R. & Diane M. Catizone for \$650,000

133 FOREST HILL AVE was sold to Stephen & Patricia Shaw Bloom by Gary W. Walker for \$550,000
123 LOCKSLEY RD was sold to Joanne E. & Micah J. Esposito by Denis Bourque for \$610,000
4 TAYLOR TER was sold to Haralambos & Georgia Katsikis by Jay & Loretta Mastalerz for \$435,000

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HOLIDAY LIGHTING DISPLAYS are a popular and aesthetically appealing tradition, but homeowners must practice caution when stringing up lights.

Lights From S-10

But for every person who visits the emergency room after a fall, there are thousands more who make it through the season safe and sound. To do just that, consider the following holiday lighting safety tips, courtesy of the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

* Check that outdoor lights - and extension cords - are designed for outdoor use, and be sure to look for the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label on the lights. The label indicates that the product has been tested for safety hazards.

* Inspect lights for any damages, such as frayed strings, exposed wires, loose connections, or any broken or cracked sockets. Damaged sets are a fire and safety hazard, so replace any sets with any of the aforementioned problems.

* Minimize extension cord use, plugging lights directly

into the electrical sockets whenever possible. Check the fuse box to determine how many amps your circuit can handle safely.

* Routinely feel electrical cords around the house and unplug any that feel too warm.

* Turn off lights when you are away from home and when you're asleep. Even if only for a midday cat nap, unplug all lights just to be safe.

* Do not strand more than three light sets together.

* Do not use electric lights with a metallic tree. Touch alone can lead to a deadly electrical shock.

* Prevent wind damage to bulbs by securely attaching all outdoor lights to the house, walls or other firm objects.

* Do not conceal cords under floor mats or rugs. This can lead to trips and falls.

* When hanging lights,

always emphasize safety and have a helper on hand. The ladder should be sitting level, and when hanging lights, stand centered on the rails of the ladder. When placing the ladder, both the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the CPSC recommend extending it at least three feet beyond the roofline. In addition, for every four feet the ladder extends up, space the base of the ladder one foot away from the wall.

* Keep all lighting decorations out of reach of children and pets. Children may be intrigued by the lights and be tempted to play with the wires or the bulbs, while the family pet might chew or pull on cords.

* Be especially careful with candles. Candles are an obvious fire hazard, so avoid placing them near trees, decorations and wrapping paper and do not put them in a place where they can be knocked down or blown over.

St. Nicholas Faire in Woburn

A St. Nicholas Faire will be held on Saturday, December 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Ladies Philoptochos Society. The site is Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Religious Cultural Center, 70 Montvale Avenue, Woburn.

Many delicious Greek pastries will be for sale along with such tables as Bookstore

selling icons, feast day greeting cards and children's religious books; Grandma's Attic with a variety of items useful and decorative, Country Gift Shop which is new this year and promises wonderful items, reasonably priced used books, Mega Raffle table which will include many gift certificates to restaurants and sporting events as well as new

wonderful items will be offered to lucky patrons. And more.

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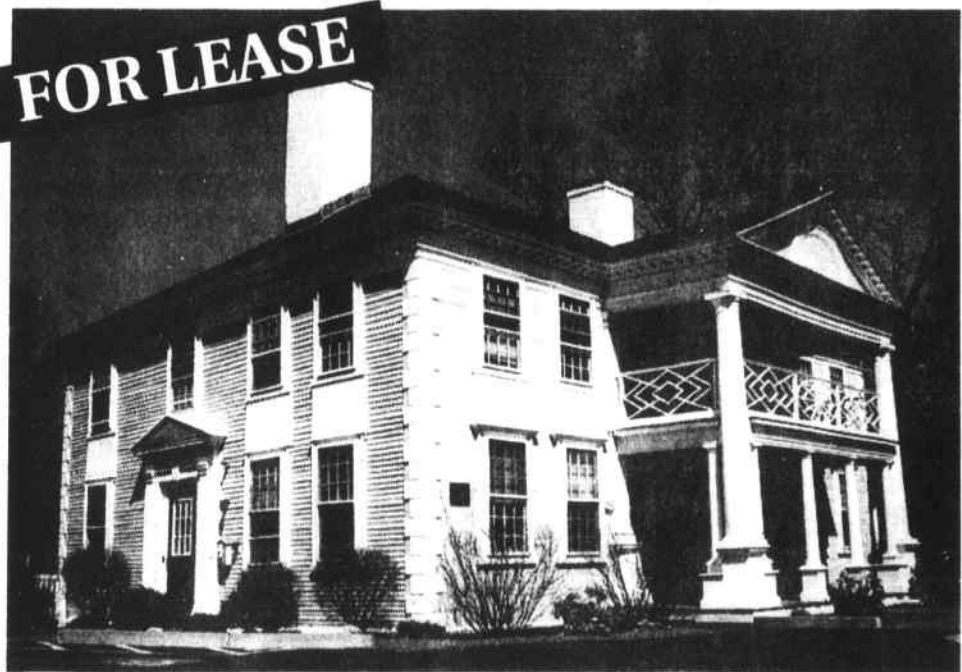
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~ Real Estate Transfers

-BURLINGTON-

46 7 SPRINGS LN #1 was sold to Shubroto & Bithi Bose by 7 Springs Res LLC for \$422,600
59 CENTER ST #107 was sold to Carmen McNeill by James & Constance Duggan for \$208,141
16 HEARTHSTONE DR was sold to Jeffrey D. & Kelly L. Needham by Michael S. & Karen M. Swanson for \$364,500
4 NELSON RD was sold to Josephine R. & Vinodh S. Williams by Linda S. Metcalf for \$316,000

-NORTH READING-

36 BRASSIE WAY #36 was sold to Edward F. & Leah E. Costello by Natalie E. Faino for \$467,500
63 CENTRAL ST #101 was sold to John & Grace Eisenhaure by Central Place Senior LLC for \$160,000
418 PARK ST was sold to Steve R. & Shana Siefmund by Joseph Tremonte for \$417,500
29 PETER RD was sold to David J. & Janet Chiovoloni by Donna M. & Paul A. Martell for \$485,000

-READING-

93 EASTWAY was sold to John P. & Lisa M. Amara by Great Oak RT & Michael P. Reynolds for \$569,000
237 MAIN ST #A2 was sold to Chrystalia K. Matrakas by Paul S. Santasky Est & Corey P. Santasky for \$165,000
58 MILL ST was sold to Milad Saberi & Taraneh Beheshtirouy by Nicholas Stead for \$495,000
26 MILTON RD was sold to Jason L. Sibovitz by ELA RT & James Benniger for \$375,100
16 TRACK RD was sold to Black Dolphin LLC by Brien J. & Paula J. Lafferty for \$106,000

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This week's Sampler: The Branell Branell ideal for vacation or all year long

Multipaned windows sparkle across the front of the Branell, a single-level, ranch-style home that makes an inviting beach house or vacation cabin. But there's no need to limit it to those uses. This plan has everything a single person or small family needs for year-round living.

Shingle siding accents the front gable, and custom trimmed, square columns support a wide front porch that spans the entire front facade. It would be fun to hang an old fashioned wooden swing at one end or the other, or outfit the porch with patio furniture for relaxing in the shade on warm, sunny days.

Vaulted ceilings add to the sense of spaciousness in the family living area. Plenty of natural light washes in through windows on the front and sides, plus two large skylights.

An eating bar bounds the

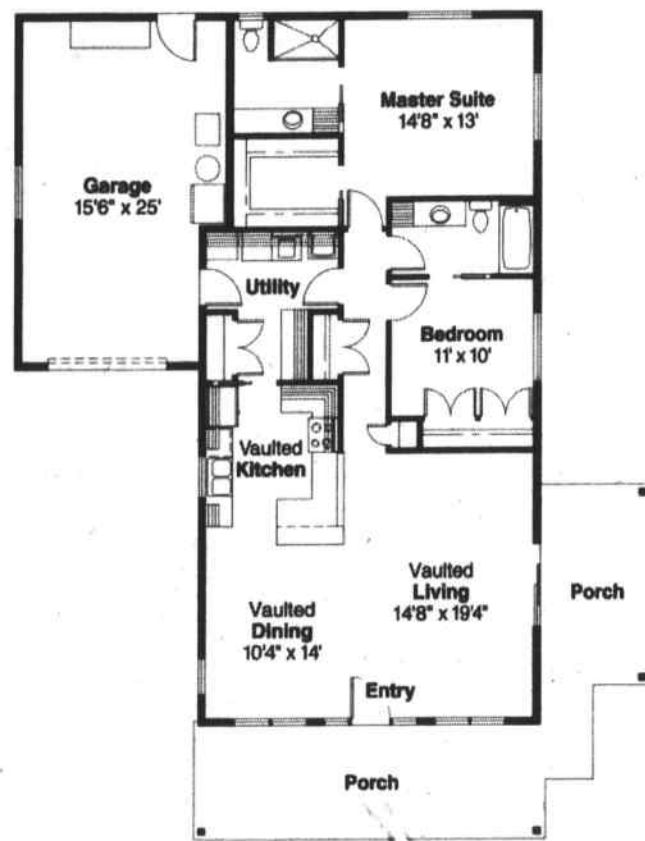
kitchen, which is otherwise open to the dining and living rooms. Cupboards and counters are in generous supply. Counters wrap around four sides of the kitchen, while another long counter and cabinets are right across the hallway from a roomy step-in pantry.

Laundry appliances are nearby, in a passthrough utility room. Linked to the garage, this area doubles as a mud room or pet sleeping area. It comes complete with a deep sink, handy for washing up after working in the garden or garage. Attic space over the garage is accessible via a pull-down ladder.

The laundry room, along with a skylit bathroom, is accessible from the bedroom hallway as well as the kitchen and garage.

Spanning the rear, the Branell's master suite boasts a huge walk-in closet, plus a

bathroom with an oversized shower. The second bedroom also has plenty of closet space.



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Be safe and sound when stringing holiday lights

Few holiday traditions are as aesthetically appealing as lighting a house and Christmas tree. Neighborhood passersby often delight in a well-lit holiday home, and some neighborhoods even have contests among residents as to who can create the most festive holiday lighting display.

But as fun as stringing up and designing a holiday lighting scheme can be, it can be equally dangerous as well. Film fans are well aware of Clark Griswold's hysterical efforts to string up holiday lights in the comedy classic "Christmas Vacation." But as oddball and over-the-top as those efforts were, they've also hit home for many who have had accidents stringing up holiday lights in years past.

Consider the fact that Christmas trees account for roughly 200 fires annually - mostly from electrical lights or open flames from candles - causing more than \$6 million in property damage, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. In addition, each year plays witness to thousands of visits to local emergency rooms resulting from falls that happen when stringing up holiday lights.

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